



Wine List

“Andrea and I met on a wine course in 1993. I have spent most of the time since then professionally involved in the wine industry, which to all intents and purposes has been an extension of my passion for the product. The words 'wine' and 'food' often appear in the same sentence, and more regularly on the same table, so it is appropriate that Andrea has spent the last eight years building her catering business, Dish Food & Social.

For two people who have been this involved in all aspects of wine, but mostly just enjoying a shared bottle at the end of a day's work, compiling a wine list is a rare treat, even if the peculiarities of pre-theatre dining have limited us to a small selection.

This list could easily have been much longer, such is the extent of high quality wines in South Africa these days (it's a far cry from 1993, when the likes of Mulderbosch and Thelema were the leaders of a very small group of 'boutique' wineries). As we become better acquainted with the likes, dislikes and preferences of our Theatre on the Bay customers we'll undoubtedly make adjustments, so this list remains a work in progress.

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Cheers!

Oscar

White

	Glass	Bottle
	150ml	
Daisy Darling (Cloof) Chenin/Sauvignon 2010	16	65
<i>This “spark plug of a white” combines the tropical richness of old, unirrigated bush vine chenin blanc, with the zesty freshness of sauvignon blanc.</i>		
Uitkyk Sauvignon Blanc 2010	24	95
<i>As invigorating as a leap into the Camps Bay surf, this wine packs all the flavour that has made sauvignon blanc the 'it' grape of the nineties, noughties, and beyond.</i>		
Lomond Sauvignon Blanc 2010		110
<i>Planted on virgin vine lands, these vineyards face a daily barrage of southerly winds blowing across the ocean, only 8km away. The purity of the fruit and cleansing nature of the acidity are just spectacular.</i>		
Diemersdal Unwooded Chardonnay 2010	28	110
<i>Chablis has met its match in this flinty, food-friendly wine from the Louw family in Durbanville. It's bottled under screwcap, so decanting helps to release the creamier edge to its citrus flavours.</i>		
Mulderbosch Chardonnay 2007		165
<i>This is a great example of barrel-fermented chardonnay. The oak does little more than 'kiss' the citrus fruits, and the palate remains lively.</i>		
Cape Point Vineyards Semillon 2007		225
<i>This barrel-fermented wine is nothing short of sensational. There's wonderful acidity, a lovely concentration of fruit, and the oak is perfectly integrated after several years' bottle maturation.</i>		

Red

Glass Bottle
150ml

Arabella Shiraz 2009..... 1870

While everyone else is falling over themselves to throw more new oak barrels at their shiraz, the de Wets of Arabella are maintaining their focus on the quality of the primary fruit (and an approachable price, of course).

The Dark Side (Cloof) Cabernet/Shiraz 2007.....24.....95

“As seductive as Princess Leah in a gold bikini”, this hedonistic blend from Cloof has curves where others don't have places.

The Very Sexy Shiraz (Cloof) 2008.....31.....125

This wine is what happens when you take fabulous shiraz fruit from Darling, age it in French oak, and then let Oscar loose on the marketing. Most estates would sell this quality of shiraz for double the money.

Diemersdal Pinotage 2007.....125

*This pinotage is somewhat demure (in a good way). It's elegant and well-structured, which means it's not going to f*** up the flavour of your cheeseburger, as the saying goes.*

Neethlingshof Caracal 2005.....225

The sincerity with which winemaker De Wet Viljoen speaks about his wines is striking. This one – rich, concentrated fruit, supported by spicy French oak – does its own talking. It's a blend of Bordeaux varieties, the estate's red flagship, and deservedly so. A cracker!

Chocolate Block 2007.....295

Andrea has a soft spot for this wine from Boekenhoutskloof. It's a savoury blend of Shiraz, Pinotage, Grenache, Cinsault and Viognier, and it's guaranteed to put a smile on her face.

Sparkling

Glass **Bottle**
150ml

JC Le Roux Pinot Noir MCC 2007..... 30.....135

Don't be fooled by the 'mother brand'. This is a serious, bone-dry champagne-method sparkling wine, and a regular winner of blind tastings. It's a refreshing start to the evening, with sufficiently robust flavour to accompany a meal.

Dessert

Joostenberg Chenin Blanc Noble Late Harvest 2005 (375ml)..... 140

It is with mixed feelings that we put our last six bottles of this wine on the list. You could – literally – go to the ends of the earth yet not find a better botrytis wine, even at double the price. If there isn't another wine on the list that has you singing Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika with pride, then this one certainly will.

Brandy Trolley

The brandy industry is responsible for the proliferation of colombar and chenin blanc in South Africa, so deep does brandy culture run through the country. The practice of mixing it with Coke may singlehandedly be responsible for Pepsi's failure ever to break into the market, but at the top end South African brandies can give Cognac a serious run for its money.

A snifter of brandy may not inspire one to leap to one's feet and start singing the national anthem, but it's a great accompaniment to quietly savouring two Rugby World Cup victories. Or just settling dinner.

Nederburg Solera Potstilled..... 15

Klipdrift Gold..... 18

Uitkyk Estate Grand Reserve 10 YO..... 28

Oude Meester Reserve 12 YO..... 29

Van Ryn's Distiller's Reserve 12 YO..... 38