

Rare wines on offer at Strauss & Co's inaugural Fine Wine Auction

Strauss & Co's inaugural Fine Wine Auction, to be held in partnership with online wine merchant [Wine Cellar](#) and distinguished sommelier, Higgs Jacobs, takes place at 3pm on Saturday 8 June 2019 at Strauss & Co's offices in Johannesburg when a selection of the finest South African wines will be offered.



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Jacobs has carefully curated 180 lots, featuring a line-up of great modern wines along with historic wines that energised the new generation of producers and includes South Africa's three perfect-score wines.

Among the most impressive wine lots on offer, are four lots with six bottles of Kanonkop Paul Sauer 2015 South Africa's own 'first growth' produced a 100-point wine in 2015 according to Master of Wine, Tim Atkin. Two other South African wines have received perfect scores from international critics and are also on offer.

The GS 1966 Cabernet is shrouded in mystery and is arguably South Africa's rarest wine. Produced as an experiment by George Spies, a winemaker at Monis, it was reportedly very tannic in its youth so it was never commercially released. As the wine matured rare bottles became recognised by wine royalty, most notably Jancis Robinson, who awarded it the perfect 20 points.

More recently, the Chateau Libertas 1957 from the Winshaw cellar was awarded 100/100 from Master of Wine, Greg Sherwood. Both vintage gems herald from arguably the best cellars and the 1957 was recorked by Amorim Cork, securing quality and further long life.

218 years of wine history

This auction spans three centuries from South Africa's oldest living wine, Joubert Muscat d'Alexandrie 1800 to the latest 2018 vintage. Seven generations of the Joubert family have cared for the 100 litre barrel of Muscat which is topped up each year. The solera-style, richly-sweet wine was born in 1800 and was rated

points by Neal Martin. Other legendary wines include a Magnum of KWV 1948 vintage port, as well as the unreleased first vintage of Klein Constantia Vin de Constance, 1986. Two extremely rare wines from the 1990s are also on offer, 1 x 3 bottles of Cordoba Crescendo 1998 and 1 x 6 bottles of the Penfolds-beat Stellenzicht Syrah 1994.

Perhaps the rarest wine in the modern era featuring in the auction is a 1 x 6-bottle lot of the unreleased Alf Family Radio Lazerus 2018. Only 76 bottles were produced from this dying old-vine Stellenbosch Chenin Blanc vineyard. Other 'hens' teeth' lots to go under the hammer include the first vintage of Boekenhoutskloof the Journeyman and Porseleinberg, as well as the Niepoort & Sadie Partnership, Cape Charme. 2 x 6-bottle lots of possibly South Africa's finest red wine, Eben Sadie's Columella, is available from 2012, along with vertical case spanning 2001-2012. Some new stars include the Mullineux Family, Richard Kershaw and Crystallum.

More modern offerings

Other leading modern producers to go under the hammer include multiple lots of both Vilafonte Series C and M, Chris Keet's First Verse and Glenelly Lady May. More classic producers will also feature with mature vintages of flagship reds from Vergelegen, Warwick, Waterford, Meerlust and Rustenberg. Great vintages of mature whites from Ken Forrester and Paul Cluver join double Magnums of De Toren Fusion V and a 5litre Paul Sauer 1987 in a ground-breaking and comprehensive South African Fine wine auction.

Absentee and telephone bids

Should you wish to participate in the sale but are not able to attend, you can submit absentee bid or request a telephone bid. Please email the completed bid form to bids@straussart.co.za or contact us on +27 11 728 8246.

The catalogue can be viewed on straussart.co.za and Winecellar.co.za from Friday, 17 May.

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