

## 90 wines get Five Star rating in 2019 *Platter's by Diners Club South African Wine Guide*

The 2019 *Platter's by Diners Club South African Wine Guide* was recently unveiled at the Table Bay Hotel in Cape Town. This year, a total of 90 wines achieved Five Star status; this rating is reserved for wines that are "South African classics" and scored 95 points or more on the internationally recognised 100-point scale.

Publisher of *Platter's by Diners Club*, Jean-Pierre Rossouw, says: "All wines that scored 93 points or higher in the primary assessment went into a second round of tasting, conducted blind (without sight of the label) by small panels including experienced palates from outside the team. The stringency of this model means that our Five Star wines showed their consistent brilliance."



Platter's 2019 Top Performing Winery of the Year - JP Rossouw presents the award to Chris & Andrea Mullineux

This edition, the ultimate Platter's accolade, Winery of the Year, has expanded to become a trio of pinnacle awards, each saluting excellence in South African winemaking. The Newcomer Winery of the Year recognises the winery that records the best results as a first-time participant in the guide. This honour went to Erika Obermeyer Wines, with two Five Stars on debut. The Top Performing Winery of the Year award went to Mullineux, who are no strangers to Platter's accolades, having twice previously been Winery of the Year. In the new guide, they achieve a remarkable four Five Stars plus a Wine of the Year. Finally, the Editor's Award for 2019 went to Newton Johnson Vineyards, as editor Philip van Zyl's personal commendation of this family venture's consistently superb quality over a range of styles of wine.



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In a further innovation, the number of Wines of the Year has also been increased, and the expanded lineup now reflects the highest-scoring Five Star wines in their category (or, in instances where wines were tied with the highest scores, the

judging panels' preferred wine).

Another first in this edition is the introduction of 100-point scores, printed alongside the familiar “Platter’s Stars”, for the recently tasted wines. Jean-Pierre Rossouw comments: “100-point scoring is the global standard, and by combining this notation with our own long-standing star-rating system, we hope that our international readers, in particular, will better understand and contextualise our judges’ assessments. We see the two rating systems coexisting in the guide in the future.”



Platter's 2019 Newcomer Winery of the Year - JP Rossouw presents the award to Erika Obermeyer

## Wines of the Year

These are the highest-scoring Five Star wines within each tasting category.

### Cabernet Franc

Raats Dolomite 2016

### Cabernet Sauvignon

Le Riche Reserve 2015

### Grenache Noir

Sadie Soldaat 2017

### Merlot

Shannon The Shannon Black 2013

### Petit Verdot

Thelema Sutherland Reserve 2015

## **Pinotage**

Kanonkop Black Label 2016

## **Pinot Noir**

Crystallum Cuvée Cinéma 2017

## **Shiraz/Syrah**

Leeuwenkuil Heritage Syrah 2015

## **Tinta Barocca**

Elemental Bob Graveyard 2017

## **Red Blends, Cape Bordeaux**

Plaisir de Merle Signature 2012

## **Red Blends, with Pinotage**

Beyerskloof Faith 2014

## **Red blends, with Shiraz/Syrah**

Saronsberg Full Circle 2016

## **Red Blends, Other**

Ernie Els Proprietor's Blend 2016

## **Chardonnay**

Leeu Passant Stellenbosch 2016

## **Chenin Blanc**

DeMorgenzon The Divas 2017

## **Sauvignon Blanc, Unwooded**

Steenberg The Black Swan 2017

## **Sauvignon Blanc, Wooded**

Bartho Eksteen Houtskool 2017

## **Semillon**

Rickety Bridge Road to Santiago 2016

## White Blends, Cape Bordeaux

Vergelegen GVB 2015

## White Blends, Other

Thorne & Daughters Rocking Horse 2017

## Méthode Cap Classique

Villiera Monro Brut 2012

## Natural Sweet

Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2014

## Noble Late Harvest

Paul Cluver Riesling 2017

## Vin de Paille

Mullineux Straw Wine 2017

## Port-style

Overgaauw Cape Vintage 1998



Platter's 2019 Editor's Award - JP Rossouw presents the award to Nadia & Gordon Newton Johnson

**The Five Star wines in Platter's South African Wine Guide 2019 are:**

**Cabernet Franc**



Raats 2016

Raats Dolomite 2016

Van Loggerenberg Breton 2017

## **Cabernet Sauvignon**

Bartinney Cabernet 2015

Erika Obermeyer Erika O 2015

Le Riche Reserve 2015

Reyneke Reserve 2015

Stellenbosch Reserve Ou Hoofgebou 2016

Warwick The Blue Lady 2015

## **Grenache Noir**

Sadie Soldaat 2017

## **Merlot**

Oldenburg 2015

Shannon The Shannon Black 2013

Thelema Reserve 2015

## **Petit Verdot**

Thelema Sutherland Reserve 2015

## **Pinotage**

Beeslaar 2016

Beyerskloof Diesel 2016

Kanonkop Black Label 2016

## **Pinot Noir**

Crystallum Cuvée Cinéma 2017

Newton Johnson Family Vineyards 2017

## **Shiraz/Syrah**

Dorrance Syrah Cuvée Ameena 2016

Hartenberg CWG Auction Reserve Shiraz 2015

Leeuwenkuil Heritage Syrah 2015

Luddite Shiraz 2014

Mullineux Iron Syrah 2016

Mullineux Schist Roundstone Syrah 2016

Porseleinberg Syrah 2016

Rall Ava Syrah 2017

Rhebokskloof Black Marble Hill Syrah 2015

Rust en Vrede Single Vineyard Syrah 2015

## **Tinta Barocca**

Elemental Bob Graveyard 2017

## **Red Blends, Cape Bordeaux**

Allée Bleue L'Amour Toujours 2014

Kanonkop Paul Sauer 2015

Muratie Ansela van de Caab 2015

Plaisir de Merle Signature 2012

Ridgeback Signature C 2016

## **Red Blends, with Pinotage**

Beyerskloof Faith 2014

## **Red Blends, with Shiraz/Syrah**

Boekenhoutskloof The Chocolate Block 2017

Erika Obermeyer Erika O Syrah-Grenache Noir-Cinsault 2016

Saronsberg Full Circle 2016

## **Red Blends, Other**

Ernie Els Proprietor's Blend 2016

Rust en Vrede Estate 2015

Waterford The Jem 2014

## **Chardonnay**

Haskell Anvil 2017

Leeu Passant Stellenbosch 2016

Oak Valley Groenlandberg 2017

Restless River Ava Marie 2016

Warwick The White Lady 2017

## **Chenin Blanc**

Beaumont Hope Marguerite 2017

Botanica Mary Delany 2017

Cederberg Five Generations 2016

City on a Hill Wine Company 2017

David & Nadia 2017

David & Nadia Hoë-Steen 2017

David & Nadia Skaliekop 2017

DeMorgenzon Reserve 2017

DeMorgenzon The Divas 2017

Metzer Montane 2017

Rall Ava 2017

Sadie Skurfberg 2017

Savage Never Been Asked To Dance 2017

Spier 21 Gables 2017

Spier Farm House Organic 2016

Spioenkop Sarah Raal 2017

Stellenrust 53 Barrel Fermented 2017

Thistle & Weed Duwweltjie 2017

## **Sauvignon Blanc, Unwooded**

Steenberg The Black Swan 2017

## **Sauvignon Blanc, Wooded**

Bartho Eksteen Houtskool 2017

## **Semillon**

Alheit La Colline 2017

Benguela Cove Catalina 2017

Rickety Bridge Road to Santiago 2016

## **White Blends, Cape Bordeaux**

Cape Point Isliedh 2017

Shannon Capall Bán 2015

Vergelegen GVB 2015

Warwick Professor Black 2017

## **White Blends, Other**

B Vintners Vine Exploration Co Harlem to Hope 2017

Lourens Lindi Carien 2017

Mullineux Old Vines 2017

Rall 2017

Sadie Palladius 2016



Savage 2017

Stark-Condé The Field Blend 2017

Thorne & Daughters Rocking Horse 2017

## **Méthode Cap Classique**

Colmant Absolu Zero Dosage NV

Villiera Monro Brut 2012

Woolworths Vintage Reserve Brut 2012

## **Natural Sweet**

Klein Constantia Estate Vin de Constance 2014

## **Noble Late Harvest**

Paul Cluver Riesling 2017

## **Vin de Paille**

Mullineux Straw Wine 2017

## **Port-style**

De Krans Cape Vintage Reserve 2016

Overgaauw Cape Vintage 1998

## **Brandy/Husk Spirit**

Boplaas Potstill 20 Years Reserve

Dalla Cia 10 Year Old Celebration Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot Husk Spirit

KWV 10 Year Old Vintage

KWV 12 Year Old Barrel Select

KWV 15 Year Old Alambic

KWV 20 Year Old

KWV Nexus

Oude Meester Souverein

Van Ryn 12 Year Distillers Reserve

Van Ryn 15 Year Fine Cask Reserve

Van Ryn 20 Year Collectors Reserve

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