

food

ARIEL

starters

fillet carpaccio	125.00
tonatto, capers, red onion, parmesan, rocket, balsamic	
arancini	90.00
tomato, peas, mozzarella, basil emulsion	
	110.00
bolognese, peas, mozzarella, garlic aioli	
baked meatballs	115.00
tomato, provolone, salsa verde, focaccia	
zucchini fritto	75.00
salsa verde aioli, slivered almonds	
calamari	100.00
butter, chilli, garlic, parsley, pangrattato, lemon aioli	
fire prawns	RSQ
evoo, salsa verde, pangrattato, burnt lemon	
parma ham & provolone	165.00
focaccia, evoo balsamic, salsa verde, garlic aioli	

salads	burrata	175.00
	heirloom tomatoes, basil pesto, red onion, evoo, lemon vinaigrette, maldon	
	caprese	125.00
	tomato, basil, fior di latte, evoo	
	rocket & parmesan	120.00
	balsamic, evoo, red onion, pinenuts, maldon	
	ariel	125.00
lettuce, red onion, avo, cherry tomatoes, peppers, parmesan, focaccia crisp		
caesar	140.00	
iceberg, crispy pancetta, parmesan, anchovy, egg, pangrattato		
italian	95.00	
lettuce, tomato, onion, cucumbers, vinaigrette		

mains

ariel burger	140.00
italian meatball patty, napoletana, provolone, rocket, basil mayo, truffle parmesan fries	
chicken piccata	185.00
capers, lemon garlic, dressed greens w/ choice of side	
fillet	235.00
italian butter, rocket parmesan salad, salsa verde, truffle parmesan fries	
fish	RSQ
charred broccolini, crispy parmesan potatoes, dressed greens	
calamari	240.00
butter, chilli, garlic, parsley, pangrattato, lemon aioli w/ choice of side	
fire prawns	RSQ
evoo, gremolata, burnt lemon w/ choice of side	
fritto misto	245.00
tempura calamari, prawns, zucchini, broccolini, napoletana, basil emulsion, dressed greens	
chicken milanese	155.00
evoo mash, garlic spinach, parmesan	
seared tuna	285.00
evoo, lemon, soffritto lentils, tomato basil salsa	
forest mushroom risotto	185.00
exotic forest mushrooms, garlic, thyme, parmesan, pea shoots, truffle oil	
chicken caesar burger	145.00
crispy pancetta, parmesan, cos, caesar dressing, truffle parmesan fries	

sides	
evoo mash	45.00
truffle parmesan fries	50.00
italian salad	50.00
crispy parmesan potatoes	50.00
chicken milanese	60.00
charred broccolini	65.00
spaghetti aglio olio	65.00



pizza

garlic	70.00
garlic, rosemary, evoo, maldon	
margherita	110.00
mozzarella, basil, evoo	
parma ham	185.00
garlic, mozzarella, rocket, parmesan, evoo, balsamic	
funghi	145.00
mushrooms, mozzarella, basil, garlic, thyme, truffle	
siciliana	130.00
mozzarella, olives, garlic, anchovies, basil	
diavola	155.00
salami, mozzarella, peppers, feta, red onion, garlic, chilli	
pulled lamb	175.00
caramelised onion, provolone, chilli, confit garlic, spring onion, herb yoghurt	
mexicana	165.00
bolognese, mozzarella, peppers, red onion, jalapeños	
burrata	190.00
chilli, basil, marinated peppers, evoo	
salsiccia	165.00
italian sausage, mozzarella, caramelised onions, marinated peppers, rocket, spring onion	
ny pepperoni	155.00
double pepperoni, mozzarella, chilli, evoo	
four cheese	155.00
mozzarella, gorgonzola, parmesan, provolone, basil	
quattro stagioni	145.00
artichokes, roast peppers, olives, mushroom, spring onion, mozzarella, evoo	
carne	185.00
salami, pepperoni, Italian sausage, caramelised onion, chilli flakes, mozzarella	

pasta

bucatini carbonara	125.00
pancetta, egg, parmesan, black pepper	
conchiglie beef bolognese	145.00
tomato, parmesan, parsley	
pappardelle lamb ragu	185.00
tomato, cream, red wine, parmesan	
spaghetti vongele	225.00
white wine, garlic, cherry tomatoes, parsley, evoo, chilli	
gnocchi gorgonzola	140.00
basil pesto, cream, parmesan	
linguine marinara	275.00
prawns, clams, calamari, arrabiata, basil, evoo	
rigatoni italian sausage	175.00
napoletana, cream, garlic, red onion, fennel, chilli, parmesan	
linguine salmone	210.00
white wine, garlic, cream, peas, dill, pangrattato	
linguine mushroom	145.00
portobello mushrooms, cream, white wine, garlic, onion, thyme, parmesan	
spaghetti & meatballs	150.00
napoletana, garlic, basil, parmesan	
linguine alla vodka	135.00
napoletana, cream, pancetta, vodka, parmesan	
ravioli arrabiata	130.00
tomato, garlic, chilli, basil, evoo, parmesan	
orecchiette salsiccia & peas	165.00
italian sausage, peas, red onion, garlic, cream, parmesan, pangrattato	
parmigiana	165.00
chicken milanese, tomato, mozzarella, basil, spaghetti napoletana	

dessert

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ariel cremino	120.00
hazelnut chocolate, amaretti, salted caramel ice cream, italian meringue	
dean's pavlova	105.00
meringue, macerated berries, sweet cream	
tiramisu	105.00
finger biscuits, mascarpone, espresso	
ny baked cheese cake	110.00
biscuit, vanilla, cream cheese, macerated berries	
affogato	60.00
vanilla bean ice cream, espresso, cocoa	
bowl of italian kisses	60.00
don pedro	85.00
double frangelico, vanilla bean ice cream, milk	

dessert

cocktails





ariel signatures

caipirinha	95.00
da tulha, lime, sugar	
basil smash	90.00
bombay sapphire, lemon, raspberry, basil	
watermelon tonic	100.00
bombay sapphire, watermelon, mint, tonic	
cloudy apple	95.00
bombay sapphire, apple, lime, elderflower, mint, cucumber	
goose & juice	100.00
grey goose, lemon, cranberry, rooibos	
whisky	100.00
dewars 12, aperol, lemon, pineapple, rooibos	
gin	95.00
bombay sapphire, passoa, lemon, passionfruit, grapefruit	
prosecco	75.00
martini prosecco, aperol, grapefruit, elderflower	
brandy	95.00
kwv, wooded chard, pineapple, lemon	

classics

porn star	135.00
grey goose, passoa, passionfruit, vanilla, lime, martini prosecco	
negroni	85.00
malfy gin, martini rosso, campari	
old fashioned	95.00
dewars 12yr, sugar, bitters	
paloma	110.00
patron silver, grapefruit, lime, soda	
ny sours	90.00
dewars 12yr, lemon, wine reduction	
margarita	85.00
patron silver, lime, cointreau	
espresso martini	105.00
grey goose, rosetta espresso, patron xo, vanilla	

wine



intro to our wine.

every culinary adventure involves the weaving together of culture, ingredients, and human mastery. we've divided this wine list into four categories, each of which express these collaborations in different ways.



from the motherland

there is the old adage that says "foods that grow together go together". it was for this reason our wine list has been built around italian wines, from italian-grown vines, produced by italian craft. in many senses, all the other wines on this list riff off the core bottlings in this section of the list.



alien grace

south african winemakers have long remarked on the similarities between the cape winelands' climate and the delightfully temperate mediterranean weather patterns experienced by some of italy's more famous wine regions. the more pioneering souls within the south african wine community went one step beyond mere talk; they imported italian cultivars and rooted them in south african terroir. these wines tell those stories.



finding new roots

more than 80% of the world's grape vines don't grow on their own roots. these vines must have their own roots cut off, and then have their stems grafted onto foreign rootstock, before they can safely be planted (all thanks to a deadly soil-dwelling parasite called phylloxera). sometimes humans go through that same process.

the wines in this section reflect the choices made by italian families, who have chosen to put down roots in south africa, and added their italian flair to the winemaking scene by working with cultivars that are perhaps more familiar to the south african wine lover.



no place like home

sometimes you just want something familiar and refreshing. these wines are chosen as either being south african stalwarts, or iconic south african producers who are celebrated worldwide.



whites

-  **Fairview Chenin Blanc 2019** 70.00 // 240.00
a fresh, light easy-going unoaked chenin with notes of pineapple, peach fruit, and citrus.
-  **Morgenster Vermentino 2020** 70.00 // 240.00
a bright, fresh crisp alternative to sauvignon blanc, this unwooded vermentino carries hints of crisp green apple, apricot, grapefruit and lime zest.
-  **Heritage Idiom Bianco di Stellenbosch 2019** 65.00 // 220.00
an uncomplicated helderberg expression of the world-famous cultivar. aromas of orange blossom complicate gentle passionfruit and apricot notes on the palate.
-  **Arcangeli Vesta Semillon 2017** 75.00 // 280.00
semillon is having a bit of a moment right now, and this award-winning example is amongst the more fascinating bottlings. superbly concentrated citrus fruit, complicated by lemongrass, marmalade notes, saline, and capsicum.
components of this wine are fermented on skins, giving it a slightly waxy lift.
-  **The Giant Periwinkle Wind Scorpion Sauvignon 2021** 85.00 // 290.00
a shining gem in the rapidly rising star that is elim sauvignon blanc. winemaker pierre rabe deliver papercut-clean lime acidity, delicately laced with sweeter passion fruit and peach notes, alongside slightly more serious fynbos and capsicum elements.
-  **The Masciarelli Trebbiano d’Abruzzo 2016** 90.00 // 280.00
an exceptional example of just how rich and layered an unwooded white can be.
trebbiano is known as ugni blanc in france (or south africa), and is often used to make brandy. when you taste this bottling, however, you see that it’s certainly no one-trick pony.
the nose carries notes of apples, peaches, white flowers and herbs, while the palate is supremely layered with chalky notes and tree fruit, mingling with juicy citrus acidity.
-  **Bouchard Finlayson Crocodile’s Lair / Kaaimansgat Chardonnay 2018** 100.00 // 350.00
this award-winning, cool-climate hemel-en-aarde barrel-fermented chardonnay is supremely layered, with notes of lemon curd, lime marmalade, peach fruit, yeasty lees elements and a hint of oak.
-  **Famiglia Pasqua Romeo & Juliette “Passione et Sentimento” Bianco 2015** 360.00
this 100% garganega from veneto igt is tank-fermented, and then barrel-matured.
the juice also spends 12 hours on skins prior to fermentation. the end result is a richly layered wine, featuring notes of mandarin, peach, lime and passion fruit, with complications of petroleum, beeswax and white flowers.

-  **Ayama Vermentino 2019** 380.00
made in the sardinian style, this platter 5-star wine uses fruit from the voor-paardeberg, and features the unusual process of being transferred from tank to barrel half way through fermentation. the wine is richly textured, and carries notes of grapefruit, lime, peaches, and pear fruit.
-  **Colosi Salina Bianca 2020** 450.00
sicilian wines are enjoying a little moment in the sun right now, and with this abundantly layered white blend of catarratto bianco & insolia, it's easy to see why. aromas include waxy and chalky elements, with white peach fruit and saline. palate carries more stone fruit, citrus and tropical elements.
-  **La Tunello Sauvignon 2020** 460.00
lovers of south african sauvignon blanc owe it to themselves to experience an italian counterpart. this explosively aromatic white wine shows guava, passion fruit, and pineapple, with vivid floral complications.
-  **Stellenrust Barrel 54 Barrel-Fermented Chenin Blanc 2018** 680.00
an exquisite wooded white produced from 54-year-old chenin vines in the bottelary hills of stellenbosch. the wine is delightfully rich, with layers of ripe citrus and stone fruit, wrapped up in a slick waxy mouthfeel that only 50-year-old vines can deliver.
-  **Ken Forrester Terre Noir Swartland Chenin 2020** 450.00
when south africa's very own "mr chenin" gets his hand on some swartland fruit, the end result is always going to be exciting. the fruit is spontaneously fermented and spends 12 months in oak barrels. the end result is full and textured, with elements of white peach, ripe melon and rich leesey complications. one of the standard bank top ten chenin blancs for 2021.
-  **Haute Cabriere Amphora Chardonnay 2018** 690.00
a very exciting single-vineyard chardonnay, fermented in clay amphorae for 12 months. fruit is harvested from old franschhoek vines, planted in 1983. the wine is a fascinating dialogue between sweet peach blossoms, green pear and nectarine elements, against more serious mineral notes of river stones, seaspray, and laser-like lemon and naartjie acidity.
-  **Leeu Passant Chardonnay 2018** 1200.00
produced by the world famous power couple andrea & chris mullineux, this wooded chardonnay is both concentrated and layered. peach fruit, fresh pear, oatmeal, and hints of smoked walnut combine to form one of south africa's most renowned chardonnays.

rosé

-  **Elgin Vintners Belle Amie Rosé 2020** 85.00 // 260.00
 this spontaneously fermented merlot-based rosé is produced in the cool, cloud haven that is the elgin valley. the palate carries impressive weight and leesy texture, with turkish delight, & floral elements on the nose, followed by cherry fruit and strawberries on the palate.
-  **Morgenster Italian Collection Caruso Rosé 2020** 70.00 // 240.00
 a 100% sangiovese rosé grown in helderberg terroir. this wine manages to express both the approachable cherry and strawberry elements one might hope for from a rosé, while also showing a hint of the savoury and herbal elements associated with the sangiovese cultivar.
-  **Fantini Calalenta Terre Siciliana Rosato 2018** 520.00
 another one of the sicilian cool kids. this blend is made up of nerello mascalese, cabernet sauvignon, and merlot, and offers layers of watermelon, strawberries, and tart pink grapefruit elements.
-  **Bellingham Quintessential Couple Old Vine Rosé 2018** 550.00
 this award-winning rosé is blend of pinotage and shiraz fruit planted in 1976 and 1977 respectively. this wine undoubtedly a leader in the "speciality rosé" movement. it's delightfully concentrated, with layers of berry fruit, held up by supremely fresh acidity, and laced with subtle shiraz-driven spice on the tail. tim atkin's rosé of the year for 2021.

reds

-  **Olifantsberg Pinotage 2018** 90.00 // 320.00
 produced by tim atkin's young winemaker of the year 2021, this light-footed red-fruit affair is an icon of new wave pinotage emerging in south africa. referencing burgundy in its style, it carries a lovely dialogue between juicy sour cherry elements and sweeter blackcurrant notes. the nose brings further contrast by adding hints of smoke and gravel dust to the berry elements.
-  **Idiom Heritage Rosso di Stellebosch 2018** 70.00 // 240.00
 this delightfully easy drinking sangiovese-led blend from the helderberg carries just a touch of barbera to add a richness to the colour, as well as some sweeter black fruit notes to accompany sangiovese's fresh cherry fruit.
-  **Arcangeli Syracuse Syrah 2019** 75.00 // 260.00
 a full-bodied, powerful, brooding syrah, produced on the italian-owned arcangeli estate. ripe plum fruit and & blackberry elements are complicated by savoury elements of game and leather. the wine opens up beautifully over time, which is why serve it decanted.
-  **Arcangeli Pellegrini Merlot / Mataro 2019** 75.00 // 260.00
 a fascinating wine that reflects krige visser's characteristically offbeat approach to winemaking. this blend possesses all the plush, velvety black fruit and dried herbs of a new world merlot, along with the savoury brute force of mourvedre, all sewn up with a silky oak-driven finish. cassis, plum, cherry and sage meet olive, tomato, vanilla and violets. superb.
-  **Morgenster Nabucco 2015** 85.00 // 280.00
 this 100% nebbiolo from the helderberg region demonstrates the grape's superb aging ability. this 2013 still brims with fresh red cherry fruit and subtle, sweeter cassis notes. but the real attraction is the powerful nose of rose petals, lavender, potting soil & cherries.
-  **Familia Pasqua Romeo & Juliette "Passione et Sentimento" Rosso 2018** 95.00 // 330.00
 a powerful, but rounded, blend of corvina and merlot delivers a heady mix of tobacco leaf, nutmeg, plums, cocoa, and oak. this wine is produced in appassimento style, which means that the grapes are left to raisin slightly before vinification, intensifying fruit concentration in the final product.
-  **Morgenster Lourens River Valley Bordeaux Blend 2015** 350.00
 this old mutual trophy-winning bordeaux blend is a supremely regal mix of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, petit verdot and cabernet franc. the palate is supremely silky, offering a mix of red and black fruit, with hints of cinnamon and oak-inspired vanilla.

-  **Arcangeli Romulus Nebbiolo 2017** 390.00
 there could hardly be a more striking example of old-skool meets nü. this south african nebbiolo from the italian-owned arcangeli estate is completely whole-bunch fermented, and presents as light, fresh, and textured. aromas of orange peel, cherries, sea spray, & fresh herbs mix with red cherry acidity & fine tannins.
-  **Idiom Sangiovese 2016** 480.00
 the bottega family produce arguably the most regal example of a straight sangiovese. its incredibly silky palate couches cherry and plum fruit, elevated by oak inspired notes of vanilla, cinnamon, leather and fresh potting soil.
-  **Talenti Rosso di Montalcino 2017 DOC** 650.00
 a little more generous than the traditional style, this montalcino sangiovese has all the power and fruit usually associated with a new world red. it boasts rich layers of cherries, plums and blackcurrant, with a fascinating crushed gravel complication on the nose.
-  **Donnachiara Irpinia Aglianico 2015 DOC** 395.00
 when it comes to naming italy's more serious red cultivars, aglianico is up on the podium with nebbiolo and sangiovese. this cellar-aged 2014 vintage has softened beautifully into an elegant affair with blackberries, rosemary and cedar wood on the nose, backed up by delightfully juicy black cherry on the palate, rounded out by ripe blackberries. floral lavender emerges late on the tail as an encore.
-  **Bosman Family Vineyards NERO 2019** 485.00
 it took petrus bosman and his team of wine pioneers more than a decade to source vines from sicily, ship them, quarantine them, propagate them locally, and then try to figure out how on earth to make wine from a grape that no one has ever bottled in south africa. The end result is not only unique, but embodies a distinctly south african take of the sicilian nero d'avola cultivar. the NERO is medium to medium-light-bodied, highly aromatic wine with expressive waves of red cherries, strawberries, violets, and some fynbos. for fans of lighter-styled grenache and pinot noir.
-  **Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal 2018** 650.00
 this cool climate red is a supremely elegant blend of italian cultivars (nebbiolo, sangiovese & barbera) and french cultivars (shiraz, mourvedre & pinot noir). vanguard aromas carry cherries, mushroom, thyme, potting soil & oak. the palate is supremely clean, with mouth-watering cherry notes, alongside citrus rind and savoury mushroom complications.
-  **Dalla Cia Giorgio Bordeaux Blend 2018** 680.00
 an unashamedly old school production; this opulent bordeaux blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot & petit verdot is matured in 80% new oak for 18 months. it's an enormously expressive wine, with notes of violets, cherries, blueberries, tobacco leaf and cedar wood.

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Cederberg Five Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 1150.00

only a touch over 5000 bottles were made of this critical darling. the cederberg cabernet sauvignon, made by cape winemakers' guild member david nieuwooldt, delivers explosive aromas of dark chocolate, cherry tobacco and ripe cassis, followed by a concentrated palate of cassis, plum and oak.
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Kanonkop Reserve Pinotage 2018 1100.00

this wine may as well join the protea, the blue crane and the springbok as items of national importance. abrie beeslaar's legendary reserve pinotage is both powerful and regal, featuring layers of ripe plum fruit, interwoven with hints of vanilla, and lashings of black cherry.
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Taaibosch Crescendo 2018 490.00

a rebirth of the cult classic cordoba crescendo. reknowned winemaker schalk-willem joubert (formerly rupert & rothschild cellar master and CEO) has re-envisioned this stellenbosch stalwart, earning a plater 5-star rating in his first vintage. an enormously powerful marriage of structure and elegance, this cabernet franc-fronted blend boasts both rich dark fruit and brighter red cherry; all framed by floral accents, bell pepper and pencil shavings. the epitome of a stellar stellenbosch bordeaux blend. unfurls and evolves over a few hours of leisurely dining. served decanted.
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De Grendel Rubaiyat 2017 650.00

de grendel winemaker charles hopkins is a national treasure...and the rubaiyat is his magnum opus. This wine is not only a regular favourite amongst wine critics but was also once selected as the top bordeaux blend in a blind tasting panel consisting of 30 of south africa's prominent winemakers. rubaiyat is a four-way blend of cabernet sauvignon, petit verdot, merlot, and cabernet franc. the vanguard carries nuances of roasted black olives, wild fynbos, red berries, and black plums. the palate texture is pure silk; fitting for a wine named after an anthology of persian love poems.
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Giulia Negri Langhe Pinot Nero La Tartufaia 2017 DOC 930.00

pinot noir is often described as a steel fist in a silk glove. maverick winemaker giulia negri manages to achieve this in spades. this piedmont pinot nero (italian name for pinot noir) manages to channel the glorious dried rose petal, sage leaf, and sour cherry of a nebbiolo, alongside the finesse and purity. more often associated with its burgundian counterpart. crushed cherry candy, sherbert and spiced orange rind linger on the tail.
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Pasqua Famiglia Amarone della Valpolicella 2015 1320.00

amarone della valpolicella is one of italy's great wine triumphs; right up there with barolo, and brunello di montalcino. made with grapes that have been dried (passito), the resultant wine is a weighty, dense brooding mix of ripe black plum, prunes, raisin elements, cocoa, cinnamon, aniseed, and lashings of oak. the wine is a blend dominated by the indigenous corvina grape, rounded out 25% rondinella and splashes of corvinone and negrara. matured in french oak for 20 months.

bubbles

-  **Graham Beck Brut NV** 85.00 // 380.00
 both nelson mandela and barack ioama chose this bubbly as their celebratory toast of choice after their respective political victories. the blend is more or less a 50/50 mix of pinot noir and chardonnay from robertson & stellenbosch, showing elements of green apple, lime, and lovely leesy texture.
-  **Bacio Della Luna Prosecco Rose 2019** 410.00
 riding high on the excitement of prosecco DOC finally allowing a rosé version of the italian bubbly, the glera / pinot noir blend presents crisp fresh elements of wild strawberry, cherry and raspberry sherbet.
-  **Bacio Della Luna Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore 2018** 410.00
 prosecco has, for some time, been seen as cheap and cheerful bubbly. but valdobbiadene in veneto is one of two towns that produce a more formidable version of drink. dry in style, this prosecco carries notes of green apple, some pear fruit, and a light floral flourish.
-  **Bellavista Alma Cuvée Brut Franciacorta NV** 1200.00
 unlike prosecco, sparkling wines from franciacorta docg are made in the traditional / champagne method. essentially they are far grander affairs, and serve as italy's answer to champagne. this blend of pinot nero, pinot bianco and chardonnay is a serious bottling with notes of yellow apple, white flowers, and fresh pastries.
-  **Pol Roger Cuvee Sir Winston Churchill NV** 5200.00
 one of the world's truly great vintage champagnes, and also a 100-point wine according to wine enthusiast. this rare bottling is 100% pinot noir, and boasts elements of toasted almond, danish butter cookie, crisp tree fruit, and hints of citrus towards the tail.

