

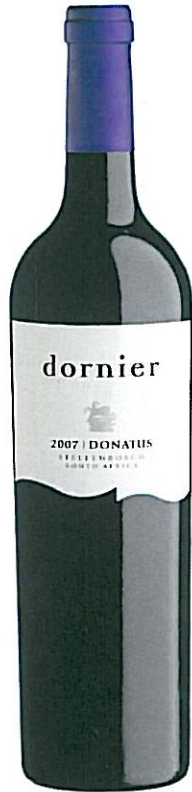


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Best booze buys. By Denise Mhlanga

Vintage Donatus

Made up of 95 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and five percent Cabernet Franc, the Dornier Donatus 2007 is an elegant vintage red wine with rich aromas of spice, cassis, tobacco and hints of fruit dominating the complex nose. On the palate, it has a full yet firm tannin structure and fresh flavours of red fruit with a dry, lingering finish. A bottle retails for R200. For more information contact Christoph at Dornier Wines on (021) 880 0557.



Bold and spicy

The Allée Bleue Shiraz 2007 matured red wine is a bold, spicy wine with hints of freshly cracked black pepper and savoury herbs. Winemaker Gerda Williers describes it as having aromas and fragrances of lavender, violets and blueberries on the nose. Blueberries, freshly spiced Karoo Venison and musky undertones on the palate. Best paired with Ostrich kebabs basted with red currant jelly and ground pink peppercorns. It has a cellar door price of R80. For more information contact (021) 874 1021.



Creamy Sauvignon Blanc

The Oak Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2009 has hints of pineapple and granadilla, flinty with a creamy rich mouth feel and grapefruit on the palate. It is rich, well rounded with a good acid structure and a long finish. The Oak Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2009 is sold for R85 at the cellar. For more information, contact (021) 859 2510 or visit www.oakvalleywines.co.za



Balanced and matured

The Constantia Glen Red Blend is a carefully blended and matured wine with a considerable depth of colour. On the nose, it is black fruits and spicy aromatics, scented cedar wood nuances are offset by lashings of blackcurrant and Morello cherries. It is balanced on the palate and the aromas follow through seamlessly. Buy the wine at selected boutique wine shops and restaurants for R450 or directly from the cellar. For orders, contact Constantia Glen, (021) 795 6100 or email wine@constantia Glen.com

