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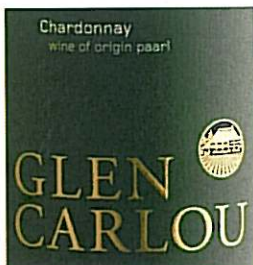
Boozy news

Charming Chardonnays

For those still celebrating the summer sunshine, the brand new 2008 Durbanville Hills Chardonnay (R42) is the perfect way to raise a toast. Cellar master Martin Moore has toned down the impact of wood in his Chardonnay, rather opting to highlight the natural fruit characteristics of the wine.



The Glen Carlou Chardonnay 2008 is the winery's 21st Chardonnay vintage and the wine subscribes to the same values that characterised the maiden Chardonnay made in 1988. "We have a special relationship with the Chardonnay grape," says David Finlayson, CEO and cellar master of Glen Carlou. The Chardonnay is classic in structure and has a characteristic brightness of fruit. This wine has superb ageing potential, drinking deliciously for up to 10 years after production. Available from wine merchants at around R85.



Dashing Dornier

The 2007 Dornier Pinotage (R77) is fermented in open stainless steel tanks. A delicate process then ensures that the wine maintains only soft, elegant tannins. The Pinotage is then aged in French oak barrels for a year. This cultivar maintains attributes of both its parents (Pinot noir and Cinsaut). From Pinot noir, it gains its freshness and mild blackberry characteristics. From the Cinsaut it borrows masculine flavours and upfront fruit attributes to provide for a truly complex wine.



Scotch blend

Whyte and Mackay is one of the oldest Scotch whisky and spirit distillers in the world dating back as far as 1844, and its namesake is now available in South Africa. The Whyte & Mackay Special Scotch Blend is seductively smooth, with rich tones that hide in the background of your palate before unleashing a delightfully warm aftertaste that lingers. Blended by well-known master blender, Richard Paterson it retails for a steal at R110.



The holy Trilogy

With the recent announcement of *Wine Spectator's* 'Top 100' list for 2009, Warwick has made history with their flagship Bordeaux-style blend with Trilogy featuring at number 46. Trilogy displays a luscious, perfumed nose, which is also earthy and provocative. The palate is sure to burst with flavours of ripe prunes, raspberry and blackberry, and hints of chocolate, nuts and mocha, leaving the mouth tantalised. Available from leading restaurants and wine merchants, prices range from R180 to R200 per bottle.

