

CWG Auction lineup, tastings this month

The Nedbank Cape Winemakers Guild Auction has released its 2013 auction lists, all of which will be available at public tasting sessions this month; in Cape Town on 22 August and Johannesburg on 29 August at 6pm.



Variety, great diversity of styles and unusual cultivars are the signature of the 29th auction with 59 singularly crafted wines - the biggest selection ever - to go under the hammer at Spier in the Stellenbosch Winelands on Saturday 5 October 2013.

This year's auction wines, all poised to become rare collector's pieces, include 36 red wines, 18 white wines, 2 Méthode Cap Classiques, one dessert wine, a Port and a potstill brandy.

"There is definitely a more creative edge to the 2013 auction lineup, showing us that our decision three years ago to revise our selection process for the auction is starting to bear fruit. The substantial increase in white wines offers more choice and we certainly anticipate keen bidding especially from white wine enthusiasts," says Guild chairman, Jeff Grier,

whose Villiera Meteor Cap Classique 2008 is one of two MCCs on offer this year.

Whites lead

Innovation and experimentation is most evident on the white wine front where Chardonnay takes the lead again this year with six wines on auction including Kevin Arnold's first ever auction white wine, Waterford Estate Chardonnay Auction Reserve 2011. Chardonnay enthusiasts have new vintages of top selling wines from previous auctions to look forward to such as Jordan Chardonnay Auction Reserve 2012, Paul Cluver The Wagon Trail Chardonnay 2012 and Ataraxia Under the Gavel Chardonnay 2012.

Making his auction debut is Bartho Eksteen with Hermanuspietersfontein Vloekskoot Sauvignon Blanc 2012, one of three Sauvignon Blancs to go under the hammer this year.

Other auction newcomers include two unusual white cultivars: AA Badenhorst Family Wines Grenache Gris Vuilgoed 3 2012 from Adi Badenhorst and Johan Malan's Simonsig "The Russety One" Roussanne 2012.

White blends also feature prominently this year with four wines including the new 2012 vintage of Duncan Savage's Cape Point Vineyards Auction Reserve White and the return of Bruce Jack's Happy Hour 2009. Pierre Wahl is back with a new vintage Rijk's CWG Chenin Blanc 2012, the only Chenin Blanc on offer this year. Nicky Versfeld's Lanner Hill Double Barrel White 2012 is the only Semillon whilst the Saronsberg CWG Viognier 2011 of Dewald Heyns is the only Viognier.

Teddy Hall Eva (Krotoa) Chenin Blanc Noble Late Harvest 2012 is the sole dessert wine in the auction lineup.

Red stars

Amongst the reds, Shiraz with 13 wines and blends with 12 are the biggest categories again this year, followed by Cabernet Sauvignon with five and Pinot Noir with three. Neil Ellis makes his Pinotage auction debut with his Auction Reserve Pinotage 2011 one of two Pinotages on offer this year.

New vintages of top selling auction stalwarts such as Hartenberg Auction Reserve Shiraz 2010, Boekenhoutskloof Syrah Auction Reserve 2011, Etienne Le Riche Auction Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2010, Jordan Sophia 2010, Edgebaston Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2011, Kanonkop CWG Paul Sauer 2010 should all make for competitive bidding.



The only Port-style wine and brandy on auction are both by Carel Nel: Boplaas Cape Vintage Auction Reserve 2009 and Boplaas Ox Wagon 1880 Auction Reserve Potstill Brandy.

Prospective buyers who are unable to attend the auction on the day, can register in advance with the CWG and take advantage of their telephonic and proxy bidding facilities. Live bidding will also be available online through www.the-saleroom.com.

Tickets to the tastings cost R170 and are available from www.WebTickets.co.za

Auction wine list in alphabetical order

Wine Name	Quantity on offer
AABadenhorst Family Wines Grenache Gris Vuilgoed 3 2012	40 x 6 x 750ml
AABadenhorst Family Wines Siebritskloof Shiraz L.D.R. 2011	60 x 6 x 750ml
Ataraxia Under The Gavel Chardonnay 2012	40 x 6 x 750ml
Beyerskloof Traildust Pinotage 2011	40 x 6 x 750ml
Boekenhoutskloof Syrah Auction Reserve 2011	30 x 6 x 750ml
Boplaas Cape Vintage Auction Reserve 2009	30 x 6 x 750ml
Boplaas Ox Wagon 1880 Auction Reserve Potstill Brandy	24 x 6 x 750ml
Boschkloof Auction Reserve Syrah 2011	40 x 6 x 750ml
Bouchard Finlayson Auction Reserve Domaine Chardonnay 2012	80 x 6 x 750ml
Bruce Jack Happy Hour 2009	60 x 6 x 750ml
Cape Point Vineyards Auction Reserve White 2012	44 x 6 x 750ml
Cederberg Teen Die Hoog Shiraz 2011	60 x 6 x 750ml
De Grendel Op Die Berg Pinot Noir 2011	44 x 6 x 750ml
De Grendel Wooded Sauvignon Blanc 2013	44 x 6 x 750ml
Edgebaston Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2011	50 x 6 x 750ml
Emie Els CWG 2011	70 x 6 x 750ml
Etienne le Riche Auction Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2010	80 x 6 x 750ml
Graham Beck Wines Non Plus Ultra Cap Classique 2008	40 x 6 x 750ml
Graham Beck Wines The Catalyst 2010	50 x 6 x 750ml
Grangehurst Auction Reserve 2007	70 x 6 x 750ml
Groot Constantia Auction Reserve Shiraz 2010	40 x 6 x 750ml
Hartenberg Auction Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2010	80 x 6 x 750ml
Hartenberg Auction Reserve Shiraz 2010	80 x 6 x 750ml
Haskell Vineyards Merlot 2010	70 x 6 x 750ml
Haskell Vineyards Paradigm 2008	70 x 6 x 750ml
Hermanuspietersfontein Moekskoot Sauvignon Blanc 2012	70 x 6 x 750ml
John Loubser Thirteen 2011	42 x 6 x 750ml
Jordan Chardonnay Auction Reserve 2012	80 x 6 x 750ml
Jordan Sophia 2010	80 x 6 x 750ml
Kaapzicht Cape Blend 2010	60 x 6 x 750ml
Kanonkop CWG Paul Sauer 2010	60 x 6 x 750ml
Kleine Zalze 3 Expressions 2010	80 x 6 x 750ml
Lanner Hill Double Barrel White 2012	60 x 6 x 750ml
Luddite "Just Alice" Shiraz Mourvèdre 2010	100 x 6 x 750ml
Miles Mossop Wines Maximilian 2011	60 x 6 x 750ml
Neil Ellis Auction Reserve 2011	60 x 6 x 750ml
Neil Ellis Auction Reserve Pinotage 2011	40 x 6 x 750ml
Nitida Sauvignon Blanc Barrel Twenty Eight 2013	40 x 6 x 750ml
Paul Cluver CWG Pinot Noir 2011	40 x 6 x 750ml
Paul Cluver Wagon Trail Chardonnay 2012	40 x 6 x 750ml
Rijk's CWG Chenin Blanc 2012	44 x 6 x 750ml
Rijk's CWG Shiraz 2011	38 x 6 x 750ml
Rust en Vrede CWG Estate 2010	40 x 6 x 750ml
Saronsberg CWG Vognier 2011	26 x 6 x 750ml
Saronsberg Die Erf Shiraz 2011	42 x 6 x 750ml

Sijnn Syrah 2011 (1.5 Litre bottles)	12 x 3 x 1.5 L
Sijnn Syrah 2011 (750ml bottles)	66 x 6 x 750ml
Simonsig "The Russety One" Roussanne 2012	32 x 6 x 750ml
Simonsig Heirloom Shiraz 2011	70 x 6 x 750ml
Spier Auction Reserve Frans K Smit 2010	72 x 6 x 750ml
Teddy Hall Eva (Krotoa) Chenin Blanc Noble Late Harvest 2012	40 x 6 x 375ml
Teddy Hall Maria van Swaanswijk Chardonnay Auction Reserve 2012	60 x 6 x 750ml
The Drift We're Here 2011	60 x 6 x 750ml
Tokara Tribute 2012	60 x 6 x 750ml
Villiera Meteor Cap Classique 2008	40 x 6 x 750ml
Vriesenhof Cabernet Sauvignon 2007	100 x 3 x 1.5 L
Vriesenhof Pinot Noir Bin 115 2008	74 x 6 x 750ml
Waterford Estate 2009 Auction Reserve 2BB	50 x 6 x 750ml
Waterford Estate Chardonnay Auction Reserve 2011	30 x 6 x 750ml

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