

23 years ago – a year after 34 South opened on the Knysna Waterfront as a partnership between Charles van Tonder and Leslie Pieters, Charles asked PeeBee (Peter Bishop, a Mathematics teacher and Sports coach) to procure some old wines to sell and to advise on selections. Some great collections were sold and people came back each year looking for their birthday year wine or “What’s new?”

We started a popular PeeBee’s Top Ten that made searching easier, and the big selling point was the story as narrated or as hand-written on cards. In that way, each customer was a winner – he had something he could brag about – and why not. PeeBee’s interest in wine started in 1975 by BeeJay Lankwarden – a man of great kindness and aplomb. He has written on wine for Wynboer and for the CXPress and, now resident in Cape Town still attends top tastings to keep informed.

PeeBee, Charles and Keith (Davis) – the Manager of 34 South – taste wines periodically in order to create a “A Rare and Fine Wine” Selection more specifically aimed at the tourist who wishes to be exposed to a higher level of wine than on ordinary lists.

PeeBee looks at the structure, the memory, the length of the wine. Charles makes no apology for his role: “I taste it, I like it. It is much more than “eminently drinkable!” now, at the table, or at home. Keith, who deals directly with the Fine Wine lover focuses on the finish in so far as the wine matches the dishes at 34 South.

*PeeBee*

## RARE & FINE WINES - OUR FAVOURITES

These fine wines are the BEST that we’ve tasted, that are currently available. Sublime, elegant, structured and above all, wines with ATTITUDE. Conventional wine tastings use the 100 point system which is “VERY COMPLICATED”. At our LATITUDE, Keith, PeeBee and I focussed on TASTE only - after all, that’s the bottom line. These winners below all scored 8 to 9 out of 10 - truly great examples of the winemaker’s art. We LOVED them and hope YOU will too.

*PeeBee Keith Charles*



## WHITE WINES AND ROSÉ

### Whispering Angel “Cotes de Provence” Rosé 2020

525 | 125

From the south of France, made from grenache, cinsault and Vermentino this premium rose is calmer and easier than the Tavel Rose of the Rhone, it has a calmer acid than most of the Cape expressions.

### Harry Hartman “Church” Chenin Blanc 2021

535 | 128

Investors, like Hartman are sourcing, in this case, Chenin Blanc from 40 year old vines from the Swartland to be in the vogue. 100% whole bunch pressed grapes matured for 11, with higher acid and more rugged mouthfeel it's perfect for seafood.

### Chamonix Chardonnay Reserve 2017

525 | 125

Benefitting from the cooler, later sunrise, and earlier sunset conditions, Chardonnay has succeeded in the Franschoek Valley. The wine is a selection of the finer barrels and has a gentler tone, and flavours of lime and toasted almonds.

### Longridge ‘Clos du Ciel’ Chardonnay 2017

945

Search high and low, but you just will not be able to match the gracefulness, the complexity and charm of this winner from Jasper Raats. Obviously a 5 star wine from a single 30 year old decomposed granite vineyard. ‘Unforgettable’ as Nat King Cole would chant.

## RED WINES

### Springfield Work of Time 2015

325 | 78

You cannot encounter, by a visit, or a taste of the wines of Springfield without being hooked. Work of Time –has had a long tradition at 34 Degrees as so perfect a wine. Allow yourself the chance to discover.

### Vriesenhof Pinotage 2009

345 | 83

Springbok flank and Western Province legend Jan “Boland” Coetzee was the force behind the famous 1973 Pinotage of Kanonkop going on his own in 1980 at Vriesenhof. He understands the grape, with its depth of expression and its benefiting from bottle maturation.

### Grangehurst Pinotage 2008

365 | 87

Jeremy Walker has been involved with Pinotage since the Pinotage Association started in 1993 when he made his first wine in a squash court. 2008 was a good year in the cool Helderberg, but not elsewhere as it was the first year of the Load-shedding by Eskom at harvest time.

### La Motte “Pierneef” Syrah/Viognier 2017

425 | 102

Before 1970 Shiraz was used in South Africa to produce what we called “Port”, but thereafter it often rivaled Cabernet Sauvignon at competitions, being so easy to drink. Pierneef was one of South Africa’s greatest artists and is honored by the Rupert Family in this masterpiece.



## RED WINES

**Cederberg Shiraz 2018**

355 | 85

34 Degree South likes to brag that they 'discovered' this wine. In a way, they did. Having it against industry leaders, the 'cool climate shiraz' showed more gracefulness and ease than some rugged rivals.

**Diemersdal Private Collection 2019**

275 | 65

In the distant days when the K.W.V. procured the very best reds for its export range, Diemersdal was choice. Since then Tienie Louw has concentrated on a range of Sauvignon Blanc, but could no longer neglect the great reds on the farm. Less robust than some Stellenbosch Bordeaux blends, the warm has a charm and complexity.

**The High Road Classique 2017**

325 | 78

An entrepreneur team procure select grapes and vinify near the Stellenbosch Railway station under advice of Miles Mossop. A calm blend, with 10 month old oak oak maturation, the wine drinks rather easily.

**Great Heart Cabernet Sauvignon 2020**

395 | 95

Planted in the lower Helderberg, the grapes are bought by the Mullineux – Leeu operation in Franschhoek as a Staff Empowerment incentive. Helderberg Cabernet, as seen in Alto and Rust en Vrede have a depth and complexity of their own.

**Vriesenhof Kallista 2017**

445 | 106

When Jan "Boland" Coetzee, the doyen of Cape winemasters, left Kanonkop to open Vriesenhof in 1980, he wanted to create a single wine. It did not work out as that, but it was the Cape Bordeaux blend that he called Kallista – the Greek for Peace. You can literally taste the thinking of the Master who was proud to release a limited stock to 34 Degrees in the great vintage of 2017.

**De Grendel Rubaiyat 2016**

565 | 135

Cape Bordeaux 2019 Charles Hopkins carefully nurtured this Cabernet Sauvignon-led blend on the Tygerberg Hills farm of the ancestral De Villiers Graaff family. Made in a more serious style, it could do well to be served from a decanter.

**Grangehurst Nikela 2007**

465 | 110

Grangehurst Nikela 2007 Jeremy Walker has been an assiduous member of The Pinotage Association. His Nikela is what is called a Cape Blend, having 34% Pinotage in the blend. The category did not take off, so you are looking at a bit of Cape Wine History, giving the benefit bottle age – that Pinotage thrives on.

**Meerlust Rubicon 2017**

645 | 154

The first release of this elegant blend was in 1980, and its reputation continues aided by a complete replanting in the late 1990s. When Hannes Myburgh ventured the first Rubicon, he went against the then current trend on only focusing on varieties. He was to successfully 'Cross the Rubicon'.

**Newton Johnson Family Pinot Noir 2020**

725 | 173

The only producer to get 8 successive 5 stars for Pinot Noir. Dave Johnson planted the then new Dijon Clones that expressed fruit rather than wildness. Finely structured, red fruit driven and intriguing.



## RED WINES

**Longridge 'Ekliptika' 2017**

765

The talent, charm and dedication of Jasper Raats shines again. Led by Cabernet Franc with its black cherry expression and beautifully balanced tannins, the wine would do justice to the best dish you could choose. A highpoint wine indeed.

**The High Road Directors Reserve 2017**

795

A more assertive Cape Bordeaux blend, quite intense with 22 months in new French oak barrels. Present from a magnum to break the grip of its youth.

**Cederberg 5 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2016**

895

In the early 1970s when the Cape went to new cultivars, Cederberg became the Stellenbosch of the West Coast. This made sense as the high altitude ensured cooler conditions at ripening. More in the serious blackcurrant direction, it is a standout serious Cape Cabernet.

**Bouchard Finlayson Pinot Noir 2015**

895

Peter Finlayson left Hamilton Russell in 1990 to set up Bouchard Finlayson next door in the Hemel en Aarde Valley of Hermanus. Peter, understands the vagaries of the grape that has made Burgundy famous. There is a calmness and togetherness in this wine – where the more wild forest than easy berries tastes emerge.

**Chateau Naude 'Le Vin de Francois' Pinotage 2018**

2 295

Francois Naude gave up his pharmacy in Pretoria to make wines in his house in Stellenbosch. After a span at L'Avenir, he decided to link with 6 producers of Pinotage from Stellenbosch, buying a single barrel from each, and then blending to create the "FRANCOIS". Released only by auction, 34 Degrees were smart about grabbing a few. At a tasting that I, PeeBee, gave in 2017, to Cape Swines – the top experts in the country, this wine emerged way out as the best. It will astound you too.

## FINE & RARE WINE TASTING - R85

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