

Wine & Spirits Value Brands of the Year 2011: “MAN Vintners: Top 3 South African Value Brand”

“What: An **entire range** of South African wines **with personality** that max out at \$11.
Standout: The '10 Coastal Region Chenin, with **succulent fruit and flinty minerality**.

Where: In the shale soils of the Perdeberg Hills.

When: The Chenin makes a **terrific party pour**; the ferrous, tannic '09 Pinotage can take on blood sausage.”

- Wine & Spirits Magazine, USA, June 2011

Wine Enthusiast Magazine BEST BUY Cheat Sheet: Value Superstars: Consistent BEST BUY producers: South Africa: MAN Vintners

With five BEST BUY wines, MAN Vintners makes the list as one of the consistent BEST BUY producers from South Africa.

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, USA, March 2011

Rosé 2012: “86 points: charming”

“Focused, featuring a strawberry core, with watermelon and cherry pit notes that stay charming through the finish.”

- Wine Spectator, USA, Web Only, 2013

Chenin Blanc 2012: “87 points: refreshing and pure”

“Juicy and well-defined, with green almond, pear and green plum notes that remain vibrant through the finish. Not big, but refreshing and pure.”

- Wine Spectator, USA, Web Only, 2013

Chardonnay 2011: “87 points: BEST BUY”

“This has an oxidative appeal, its Asian pear and cantaloupe flavors blanketed in lees. It's full and flinty, with a caraway spice, wanting only a touch more integration to really shine.”

- Wine & Spirits Magazine, USA, February 2013

Chardonnay 2011: “90 points: Value wines”

- Hrayr Berberoglu, www.winesworld.com, Canada, February 2013

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Chardonnay 2011: “Good length and great value”

“The wine is straw-coloured with a greenish tint. On the nose, spicy, barnyard and tropical fruit notes. The flavour is of ripe peach and pineapple. Good length and great value.”

- Tony Aspler, www.onthego.to, Canada, February 2013

Chardonnay 2011: “A fine value in a South African varietal”

“A fine value in a South African varietal, this Chardonnay is round and plush, giving up flavours of grilled pineapple, mango, apple and white peach, with a nicely balanced acidity. The barrel influence is toasty and mild, adding sweet vanilla and butterscotch to the spectrum.”

- Dan Kislenko, www.thespec.com, Canada, February 2013

Chenin Blanc 2012: “punches well above its weight”

“Great Western Wine is a forward thinking, traditional wine merchant, and I was very taken with its 2012 Man Vintners Chenin Blanc from South Africa, whose modish, minerally, waxy, lemon and yellow plum packed fruit makes a fine winter white that punches well above its weight.”

- Jane MacQuitty, www.thetimes.co.uk, UK, January, 2013

Cabernet Sauvignon 2011: “88 points: spicy and rich”

“Smooth and ripe with sweet plum fruit; spicy and rich with notes of mint and tangy acidity.”

- Anthony Dias Blue, www.tastingpanelmag.com, USA, January, 2013

Sauvignon Blanc 2012: “88 points: good length”

“Smooth and bright with spice, citrus and tropical fruit; mellow but juicy and showing nice acidity and good length.”

- Anthony Dias Blue, www.tastingpanelmag.com, USA, January, 2013

Chenin Blanc 2012: “87 points: clean and juicy”

“Smooth, clean and juicy with tangy acidity and ripe apple fruit; smooth and balanced, crisp and long.”

- Anthony Dias Blue, www.tastingpanelmag.com, USA, January, 2013

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Pinotage 2010: “89 points: quite simply, delicious”

“The 2010 Pinotage is blended with 13% Syrah and 2% Viognier and is raised in a mixture of new and used oak. It has a fragrant, earthy bouquet with mulberry, briary and wild hedgerow scents, more natural than its peers. The palate is medium-bodied with supple, lithe tannins cloaked by redcurrant, strawberry and cherry fruit. It is sensual and harmonious with a caressing finish that is quite simply, delicious. This is a very fine Pinotage from winemakers Francois Bezuidenhout & Tyrrel Myburgh.”

- Neal Martin, eRobertParker.com, #204, Dec, 2012

Cuvée V Chenin Blanc 2011: “87 points: shows good length”

“The 2011 Chenin Blanc Cuvée V is supposed to be a “Vouvray” like Chenin and like the regular cuvee, see no wood. It has a light nose of dried apricot and quince that is well defined but needs more intensity. The palate is well balanced with rounded tropical fruit laced with guava and passion fruit that leads to a plush, rounded finish. It does not have great complexity but it is packed full of flavor and shows good length.”

- Neal Martin, eRobertParker.com, #204, Dec, 2012

Chenin Blanc 2011: “85 points: simple but balanced”

“The 2011 Chenin Blanc sees no wood contact. It has a light, grassy bouquet with touches of bruised apple and pear. The palate is simple but balanced with a citric edge and a touch of spice towards the short finish.”

- Neal Martin, eRobertParker.com, #204, Dec, 2012

Shiraz 2010: “Very best values SA”

“SA Shiraz that has been highly recommended this year by one or more of the expert tasting panels around the world which costs less than R80 a bottle.”

- Mike Froud, www.topwinesa.blogspot.com, SA, Dec 2012

Chenin Blanc 2012: “Modern but with soul”

“The very thought of this makes my mouth water. Modern but with soul, made from bush-vine chenin, it tastes like hard white peaches with ripe pears and green mango, and converted a few Kiwi sauvignon fans when I opened it at home.”

- Victoria Moore, www.telegraph.co.uk, UK, Dec 2012

Cuvée V Chenin Blanc 2011: “Very best values SA”

“SA Chenin Blanc highly recommended this year by one or more of the expert tasting panels around the world and which costs less than R50 a bottle.”

- Mike Froud, www.topwinesa.blogspot.com, SA, Dec 2012

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Cabernet Sauvignon 2010: “88 points: elegant”

“Elegant nose with aromas reminiscent of blackcurrent, sweet cherries, a touch of dark chocolate and mild spices. On the palate elegant with a touch of sweetness, well balanced tannins and rather good length.”

- Markus del Monego, Tasted Journal, #08, Germany, Nov 2012

Shiraz 2010: “88 points: Rhône style character”

“Nose with Rhône style character, meaty with slightly smoky notes and a touch of white flowers in the background. On the palate well-balanced with fresh character and good structure.”

- Markus del Monego, Tasted Journal, #08, Germany, Nov 2012

Chenin Blanc 2011: “86 points: well balanced”

“Generous and rather ripe nose with apricot, plum and a hint of minerality; well balanced with juicy fruit, rounded acidity and medium length.”

- Andreas Larsson, Tasted Journal, #08, Germany, Nov 2012

Chardonnay 2011: “87 points”

“Direct, with a textbook pear and yellow apple core framed with a lightly toasted brioche note. Finishes with a plump feel.”

- Wine Spectator, USA, Web Only, Nov 2012

Chenin Blanc 2011: “excellent aperitif”

“Pairs with a wide range of foods and makes for an excellent aperitif. Nose and palate are dominated by bold tropical fruit and melon aromas.”

- www.colonywinemarket.com, USA, Web Only, Aug 2012

Chenin Blanc 2011: “87 points: BEST BUY”

“This is dainty and pretty, with solid floral aromas of peony and orange blossom that lift the pear and hard peach fruit backbone. Vibrant acidity keeps the palate fresh and the finish clean and mouthwatering.”

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, USA, July 2012

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Cuvée V Chenin Blanc 2011: “87 points: BEST BUY”

“Cuvée V, MAN’s homage to the wines of Vouvray, is an attractive and semisweet-style Chenin Blanc that offers rich aromas of peach, lightly baked apple and tropical fruit. A slight prickle from the bright acidity dances on the palate and keeps the wine from feeling too sweet or too heavy.”

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, USA, July 2012

Chenin Blanc 2011: “88 points: bright, pure style”

“A bright, pure style, with lively green fig, pear skin and white peach flavours, offset by a nice hint of bitter almond on the finish.”

- Wine Spectator, USA, Web Only, 2012

Cuvée V Chenin Blanc 2011: “87 points”

“The mix of peach and pear fruit is backed by honey-tinged, slightly off-dry finish, which lends a flattering, but slightly loose feel.”

- Wine Spectator, USA, Web Only, 2012

Pinotage 2010: “3 Stars: Very Good”

“Round and fruity in style, with light oakiness. It is full bodied, well balanced and medium long on the finish, tasting of boysenberry, licorice, toast, and plum.”

- Restaurant Wine, USA, Issues #141, #142 & #143, 2012

Cuvée V Chenin Blanc 2011: “4 Stars: Excellent”

“Mildly sweet, medium bodied, and fruity. It is crisp and long on the finish, and tastes of candied lemon, pineapple, and grapefruit.”

- Restaurant Wine, USA, Issues #141, #142 & #143, 2012

Shiraz 2010: “4 Stars: An impressive mouthful”

“An impressive mouthful. Definitely a wine that overdelivers. Lovely aromatics carry through to a well-defined palate full of sweet ripe black fruit. Good clarity and purity. Nothing is overplayed here. There's restraint in the oaking, just the right balance of ripe fruit and acidity and, as a consequence, this is a seriously tasty wine.”

- Best Value Wine Guide 2013, www.bestvaluewineguide.co.za, SA, 2012

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Rosé 2012: “3 Stars”

"Lovely integration of fruit and acid. Good long aftertaste."

- Best Value Wine Guide 2013, www.bestvaluewineguide.co.za, SA, 2012

Sauvignon Blanc 2012: “3 Stars”

"Rich and ripe and tropical. Pineapple, mango and litchi with even a coconut whiff discernible in the bouquet. Deliciously rich entry onto the palate with lovely fruit and acid balance. Some nice depth and structure to this wine."

- Best Value Wine Guide 2013, www.bestvaluewineguide.co.za, SA, 2012

Pinotage 2010: “2 ½ Stars: rich black fruit compote”

"Pass the toast because this one is a rich black fruit compote, all ready to spread! Some interesting cocoa depth and earthiness adding complexity. Well balanced with good texture on a long finish."

- Best Value Wine Guide 2013, www.bestvaluewineguide.co.za, SA, 2012

Chenin Blanc 2011: “2 Stars: Best Value”

"Juicy with citrus and floral aromas."

- Eric Asimov, www.nytimes.com, USA, 12 July, 2012

Cuvée V Chenin Blanc 2011: “4 Stars: Silver Medal”

- Decanter World Wine Awards 2012, UK, 2012

Shiraz 2010: “3 Stars: Bronze Medal”

- Decanter World Wine Awards 2012, UK, 2012

Sauvignon Blanc 2012: “4 Stars: Good Value”

"2012 is rich and full, has more concentrated fruit than '09. Sweet and juicy on entry, plenty of yellow apple, tangy acidity lends balance."

- Christian Eedes, *Platter's South African Wines 2013*

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Cabernet Sauvignon 2011: “3 Stars: Exceptionally drinkable and well priced”

“Crowd-pleasing 2011 is very fragrant, sweet on entry, gentle acidity, soft tannins.”

- Christian Eedes, Platter’s South African Wines 2013

Merlot 2010: “3 Stars: Exceptionally drinkable and well priced”

“Pleasant, straightforward 2010 has red & black fruit, hint of chocolate. A well-balanced pizza & pasta kind of wine.”

- Christian Eedes, Platter’s South African Wines 2013

Pinotage 2010: “3 Stars: very accessible”

“Medium bodied and very accessible.”

- Christian Eedes, Platter’s South African Wines 2013

Shiraz 2010: “3 ½ Stars”

“Bold blueberry & cocoa plum on spicy 2010, gentle texture & savoury sweet/sour tang. Lengthy.”

- Christian Eedes, Platter’s South African Wines 2013

Chardonnay 2011: “3 Stars”

“2011 is ripe & juicy with true-to-variety citrus flavour & relatively soft acidity.”

- Platter’s SA Wine Guide 2013, SA, 2012

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**Platter's South African Wine Guide Hotpicks:
"MAN Vintners: Winery of the Week:
Few producers get the value-quality ratio quite as right as
MAN Vintners."**

"Quality at affordable prices is the path to most consumers' hearts these days, and few producers get the value-quality ratio quite as right as MAN Vintners. From the serious impress-your-guests Shiraz Reserve to the moreish Merlot easy-drinker, every wine is worth a try – and a buy."

- Platter's SA Wine Guide, Online, 28 August 2011

**Cabernet Sauvignon 2009: "hard to find better cabernet for
the money"**

"Here's the deal: Three friends — all men — got together, a light bulb went off and they embarked on the path of making good, inexpensive wine. They were perhaps not the first to have this brilliant idea but they have executed their vision very well.

The wine is medium-bodied with jolly blackberry, black cherry fruit, red licorice and a little vanilla; you would be hard-pressed to find a better cabernet for the money."

- San Francisco Examiner, USA, Aug 2011

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