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**#1 CHARLES FOX
CAP CLASSIQUE WINES**
CIPHER 2012

6 x 750ml bottles

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: With a simple goal in mind of creating a MCC that will stand shoulder to shoulder with the best sparkling wines in the world Charles Fox has produced the Cipher. A blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, sourced exclusively from the best lots among their 6 ha of vines in the cool Elgin Valley before being treated to a no expense spared vinification in their dedicated MCC winery, followed by no less than four years maturation on the lees. A wine to be brought out at every celebration.

#2 CAPE POINT VINEYARDS
ISLIEDH 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017

6 x 750ml bottles vertical

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: A stalwart of the Cape wine scene which has produced outstanding wines in even the most challenging vintages. The Cape Point Isliedh, named after proprietor Sybrand van der Spuy's granddaughter, is the less commonly known white version of a Bordeaux style blend consisting of Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon grown in one of the most unique terroirs in the Winelands. Showcased here is not only vintage variation but the evolution of viticultural practices, a succession of winemakers and refinement of vinification techniques. Each vertical comes in a beautifully branded wooden box.

**#3 ELGIN CHARDONNAY
COLLOQUIUM PACK**

WINES:

- i. Almenkerk Estate Chardonnay 2011 & 2016
- ii. Paul Cluver Estate Chardonnay 2009 & 2016
- iii. Oneiric Chardonnay 2009 & 2013
- iv. Highlands Road Chardonnay 2015 & 2016
- v. Iona Chardonnay 2014 & 2016
- vi. Thelema Sutherland Chardonnay 2011 & 2016
- vii. South Hill King of the Hill Chardonnay 2015 & 2016
- viii. Hannay Chardonnay 2014 & 2016
- ix. Elgin Vintners Chardonnay 2011 & 2016
- x. Oak Valley Groenlandberg Chardonnay 2014 & 2016
- xi. Lothian Vineyards Chardonnay 2011 & 2016
- xii. Kershaw Elgin Clonal Selection Chardonnay 2012 & 2016
- xiii. Elgin Ridge Chardonnay 2016
- xiv. Paul Wallace Reflection Chardonnay 2016

26 x 750ml bottles mixed lot

LOTS AVAILABLE: 1 Lot

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: The Elgin Chardonnay Colloquium Pack showcases some of the most renowned wines Elgin has to offer, containing the best Chardonnays available from this cool climate valley. Each participating estate has donated one bottle of their current vintage along with, where available, an older vintage to showcase the incredible age-ability of these wines. A fantastic opportunity to discover and compare the individual wines and subsequently to fill up the cellar with the resulting favourites.

#4 YARDSTICK WINES
RAISED BY WOLVES SEMILLON 2017 AND
RAISED BY WOLVES SEMILLON GRIS 2017

6 x 750ml bottles mixed case

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: Each lots is made up by three bottles of each of the wines; the Raised by Wolves Semillon and Raised by Wolves Semillon Gris. The grapes are hand-sorted, painstakingly, one berry at a time from the famous and ancient La Colline-vineyard in Franschoek from which about 10% of the vineyard is the mutated and rare Semillon Gris, treated to carbonic maceration. This is two very unique wines and a very unique winemaker in the form of Adam Mason, who reportedly, was also raised by wolves.

#5 DE TRAFFORD WINES
CHENIN BLANC 2017

1 x 3000ml bottle & Scarf

LOTS AVAILABLE: 1 Lot

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: One of the most sought after and revered of Stellenbosch Chenin Blanc's. Sourced from three old vineyard blocks, scattered over Stellenbosch from the foothills to the slopes of the Helderberg mountain and up the Blaauwklippen Valley. Hand-harvested, hand-sorted and allowed to settle before undergoing spontaneous fermentation in barrel. Matured for up to 10 months before being treated to a light fining and bottled on site by hand. What is also made by hand is the unique, hand-printed, silk scarf by Rita Trafford on which the labels motive is based.

#6 KEN FORRESTER WINES
CHENIN BLANC 2007

6 x 750ml bottles

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: From the Iconic Mr Chenin himself, Ken Forrester, this 2007 Chenin Blanc was produced from then 35 year old, low yielding bush vines in the Helderberg region. Rich and voluptuous in its youth, with just a touch of botrytis in the mix, it will now be showing the full spectrum of nuts, marmalade and honeyed characters that you can expect from a fully matured Chenin from a top quality Stellenbosch producer.

#7 WOMEN IN WINE
WINES

- i. Leeu Passant Heritage Vines Cinsault 2016
- ii. Strydom Vineyards Chenin Blanc 2016
- iii. Tesselaarsdal Pinot Noir 2016
- iv. Trizanne Barbera 2016
- v. Momento Grenache Noir 2016
- vi. Waterkloof Mourvedre 2016

6 x 750ml bottles mixed case

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: A joint offering with one bottle each per lot from Andrea Mullineux, Berene Sauls, Nadia Barnard, Marelise Niemann, Rianie Strydom and Trizanne Barnard. A group made up by some of the most accomplished, or/and exciting, winemakers in the country today. The selection is some of their favourite picks, all from the 2016 vintage.

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**SOMM HOSPITALITY
ENTERPRISES**

Somm Hospitality Enterprises (Somm) was founded in 2016 in Stellenbosch by a group of local and international sommeliers with the ambition to create top hospitality and wine experiences. Somm provides a variety of sommelier services towards the on-trade and private clients, such as the sourcing, strategic buying and management of private clients cellars, the judging of competition in wine and sommellerie, the procurement of wine lists and management of restaurants in the hospitality sector and last but not least – training in all things liquid and service.

The team jointly boasts the Eat Out Service Excellence Award for the best service in South Africa for three years running between 2011-2013, awards for the Best Wine List in Africa and the Middle East by The World of Fine Wine Magazine in 2014, 2015 and 2017, Best Sommelier in South Africa in 2011 (Bollinger Exceptional Wine Service Award), Eat Out Wine Service Award for best wine service in 2013.

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#8 DE GRENDEL WINES

OP DIE BERG PINOT NOIR 2012

6 x 750ml bottles

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: From high up in the Witzenberg Mountains comes one of the few truly continental Pinot Noirs in South Africa. Planted in deep shale soils in the relatively newly formed Ceres appellation the De Grendel op Die berg Pinot Noir vineyard can often be found covered in snow in winter, before ripening under the bright summer sun, retaining that bracing acidity in the cool mountain nights and finally ending up in Charles Hopkins cellar in Durbanville.

#9 NEWTON JOHNSON VINEYARDS

FAMILY VINEYARDS PINOT NOIR 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016

6 x 750ml bottles

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: Achieving true icon status in 2013 by placing second and gracing the cover of Decanter Magazine under the bold heading; "Best Pinot Noirs Outside of Burgundy". The Newton Johnson Family have never rested on their laurels producing world class, delicately perfumed and elegant Pinot Noirs, year on year, showcased here in vertical. This highlights not only the evolution of the farm and the subtle nuances of the various vintages but also the undeniable and often overlooked ability of great Pinot Noir to age gracefully.

#10 CREATION WINES

SUMAC GRENACHE 2016

6 x 750ml bottles

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: Sumac is the defiantly pioneering cool climate Grenache Noir from Creation Wines. High up on the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge this wine brings a spicy richness to a region otherwise awash in delicately nuanced Pinot Noir. A single vineyard bottling that underwent traditional skin fermentation followed by malolactic fermentation in barrels, 2-3 rackings during 14 months maturation and rough filtration before bottling. Winemaker JC's meticulous and perfectionist work really shines through in this wine, with silky enough tannins to be enjoyed now and still, without a doubt, a wine for the long haul.

#11 EDGEBASTON

DAVID FINLAYSON GS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015

6 x 750ml bottles

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: The GS 2015 on auction is a very special bottling from one single barrel selected as the best out of the total 12 barrels of GS Cabernet Sauvignon produced in 2015. This wine is made as a modern day testament to the wines made by the legendary George Spies in the 1966 and 1968, which today is the most sought after and expensive old South African red wines. The 2015 vintage is an incredibly dense and structured wine that is intended to reward cellaring for at least forty years.

#12 STARK-CONDÉ WINES

THREE PINES CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014

6 x 1500ml bottles vertical

LOTS AVAILABLE: 1 Lot

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: From high up on the slopes of the Jonkershoek Valley comes one of the most renowned Cabernets in the country. Only the best grapes were sourced from the best block on the farm, meticulously hand-crafted before being matured in French oak. With less than 24 magnums produced in some of these vintages this is a truly rare lot of outstanding age worthy wines and a selection of vintages never to be repeated again.

#13 THELEMA MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 1990, 1991 & 1992

3 x 750ml bottles vertical

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: High up the Simonsberg Mountains is nestled the aptly named Thelema Mountain Vineyards renowned for, amongst other, elegant and age worthy cabernets. They have selected three vintages 1990, 1991 & 1992 from Cellarmaster Gyles Webb's private reserve, which they feel played a pivotal role in defining who they are today. Tasting these three, perfectly matured vintages, next to each other is a privilege that few can ever hope for.

#14 GRANGEHURST

NIKELA 2007

3 x 1500ml bottles

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: "Nikela", (pronounced "Ni-care-la") Xhosa for paying tribute to one's ancestors. A Cape Blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinotage, Shiraz and Merlot, produced by renowned Cape Winemakers Guild member Jeremy Walker from carefully selected, prime, Helderberg and Simonsberg plots. Crafted in his characteristically unhurried style, this 2007 vintage spent 33 months in predominantly French oak before it was treated to a single filtration prior to bottling. Each wooden case contains three magnums (1.5L) and is signed by Jeremy himself.

#15 LA MOTTE

HANNELI R 2007

1 x 1500ml bottles

LOTS AVAILABLE: 1 Lot

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: The Hanneli R is only produced in exceptional vintages and as the flagship wine of La Motte, embodies the estate's culture of excellence. The wine is not commercially available and a mere 48 magnums were produced in 2007, making this something truly special. The blend is made up by Shiraz with the support of Grenache Noir and Mourvedre originating from Walker Bay, Elim and Darling. It is then aged for a stunning 48 months in French oak before being bottled, elegantly branded and packaged into another costume made up by French oak. This collectable item includes a note signed by La Motte's owner and namesake of the wine, Hanneli Rupert-Koegelenberg.

#16 ONEIRIC WINES

FIRST QUANTUM GRAND RESERVE 2011

1 x 1500ml bottles

LOTS AVAILABLE: 5 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: Perched on the very edge of the Elgin Valley lies the picturesque dream that is Oneiric Wines from where hails this outstanding cool climate rendition of the classic Bordeaux style blend. Loosely named after the First Quantum Minerals copper mine, this wine is Cabernet dominant with a supporting role from Merlot, brimming with concentration, balanced by the poise afforded by the cool mountain air and destined to be counted among the best wines in the world. The rarity of these magnums are considerable, with only 138 bottles in existence.

#17 RUPERT & ROTHSCHILD VIGNERONS

BARON EDMOND 2014

6 x 750ml bottles

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: Brimming with pedigree the Rupert & Rothschild wine estate was named after it's founders, famed South African industrialists Dr Anton Rupert and French aristocrat Baron Edmond de Rothschild after who this wine is also named. A classic Bordeaux inspired blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, hand-picked, hand-sorted, vinified in a combination of oak vats and stainless steels tanks before being treated to 18 months of maturation in French oak. The wine has an abundance of silky tannins at a mere 13.5% ABV and will just become better over the coming years.

#18 MVEMVE RAATS

MR DE COMPOSTELLA 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015

8 x 750ml bottles vertical

LOTS AVAILABLE: 1 Lot

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: A true undertaking in the search of excellence the MR de Compostella has been a benchmark of Bordeaux style red blends since it's maiden vintage in 2004. Sourced from various plots over the Stellenbosch region each lot is vinified and matured separately, tasted, scored and discarded if found below 90 points. Only then is the final blend made, put back to barrel and allowed to mature for another 12 months before bottling. The accolades are endless for these four vintages but includes Platter 5-Stars for the last three vintages and a minimum of 95 points for each wine from various international panels.

#19 TOKARA

DIRECTORS RESERVE RED 2011

3 x 3000ml bottles

LOTS AVAILABLE: 5 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: The Tokara Directors Reserve Red is the flagship in the fleet from the iconic wine estate. A classic Bordeaux style blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec, sourced from only the best plots on the cool Southern slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain, before being vinified by renowned

Cape Winemakers Guild member Miles Mossop and allowed to mature for 22 months in French oak barrels. A truly special and limited wine with fantastic ageability.

#20 BOPLAAS FAMILY VINEYARDS

THE PORTUGUESE COLLECTION AND DINNER WITH THE NEL FAMILY

6 x 750ml bottles mixed case

LOTS AVAILABLE: 1 Lot

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: After what can only be described as a truly serendipitous accident Oupa Danie Nel, the then patriarch of Boplaas, attempting to pioneer Shiraz in Calitzdorp, inadvertently was sent and unknowingly planted Tinta Barocca. The discovery of this accident sparked a trip to the Douro Valley in Portugal where the grape hails from, where they found a climate uncannily similar to that of Calitzdorp and soon a tradition was born. The Nel Family invites you for a dinner with one of their family members at the home in Calitzdorp, including accommodation for one night for two people in the picturesque Calitzdorp Country House. The lot also includes a mixed case of Boplaas wines; Gamka 2015, Gamka Branca 2016, Ring of Rocks 2014, Touriga Nacional 2015, Cape Tawny Port NV and the Cape Vintage Reserve Port 2009.

#21 MARK NORRISH

KWV PORT 1929

1 x 750ml bottle

LOTS AVAILABLE: 1 Lot

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: Donated by industry leader and notorious boule player Mark Norrish from Ultra Liquors, this is a tawny-styled South African port of extreme rarity and really pretty for turning 89 this year. Seen as comparable and similar, and even better some would argue, than the famous Colheita Ports from the Duero valley in Portugal. According to those lucky few that have tasted one of the remaining bottles of this wine, the KWV 1929 Port has aromas of honeyed Christmas cake, sweet apricots and it is virtually worthy of any price to a wine collector.

#22 NEETHLINGSHOF ESTATE

MARIA NOBLE LATE HARVEST 2017 LIMITED EDITION

6 x 375ml bottles

LOTS AVAILABLE: 10 Lots

SOMMELIERS THOUGHTS: Named in honour of Maria Magdalena Marais, the young widow of the first owner, of what was later to be called Neethlingshof. Produced from Neethlingshof's Weisser Riesling Vineyards on the Hill, exposed to the cooling mists of False Bay, which help to create ideal conditions for botrytis and to produce grapes of concentrated intensity. Hand-picked at 40° to 44° balling, cool fermented over 18 days, with just 24 hours' skin contact and no malolactic fermentation. This wine is a unique limited edition from the 2017 vintage presented in branded wooden cases, with each bottle signed by the winemaker, De Wet Viljoen.