

## James Molesworth's Recommended Wines From South Africa

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### TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
<b>SADIE FAMILY Kokerboom Olifants River 2016</b> Stunning, with peach, nectarine, orange and tangerine notes. Sémillon.	96	\$73
<b>SADIE FAMILY 'T Voetpad Swartland 2016</b> Pure, focused and refined. A real jaw-dropper. Chenin Blanc blend.	96	\$70
<b>SADIE FAMILY Skerpioen Swartland 2016</b> Intense and still tight, with tension and vibrancy. Chenin Blanc blend.	95	\$60
<b>KLEIN CONSTANTIA Vin de Constance Constantia 2013</b> This sweetie is ripe and unctuous, but steely too. Muscat de Frontignan.	94	\$80
<b>PORSELEINBERG Swartland 2015</b> Gutsy, with steeped fig, boysenberry and blackberry fruit. Syrah.	94	\$95
<b>RUST EN VREDE 1694 Classification Stellenbosch 2014</b> Juicy, with ample raspberry, black currant and boysenberry fruit.	94	\$140
<b>SADIE FAMILY Columella Swartland 2015</b> Offers polished dark plum and blackberry paste flavors. Syrah blend.	94	\$145
<b>SADIE FAMILY Mev. Kirsten Stellenbosch 2016</b> Intense, with ripe flavors that are opulent yet racy. Chenin Blanc.	94	\$190
<b>SADIE FAMILY Palladius Swartland 2015</b> Opulent, lush and creamy, this lets its flavors drape over the palate.	94	\$116
<b>SADIE FAMILY Skurfberg Olifants River 2016</b> Rich, with creamed apple, heather, chamomile and pear. Chenin Blanc.	94	\$60
<b>A.A. BADENHORST FAMILY Coastal Region White 2015</b> Shows peach, yellow apple and green fig notes. Chenin Blanc blend.	93	\$40
<b>DE WETSHOF Chardonnay Robertson Bateleur 2016</b> This features lively flavors of yellow apple, green melon and fig.	93	\$50
<b>DE WETSHOF Chardonnay Robertson Lesca 2017</b> Very enticing, offering creamy apple, pear and melon flavors.	93	\$22
<b>ERNIE ELS Proprietor's Blend Stellenbosch 2014</b> Alluring, with flavors of dark currant and fig preserves. Cabernet blend.	93	\$38
<b>HAMILTON RUSSELL Chardonnay Hemel-en-Aarde Valley 2016</b> Beautifully rendered Chardonnay, with a lush edge to the flavors.	93	\$39
<b>HAMILTON RUSSELL Pinot Noir Hemel-en-Aarde Valley 2016</b> Tightly focused, with lovely currant, raspberry and cherry coulis notes.	93	\$53
<b>MR MVEMVE RAATS De Compostella Stellenbosch 2015</b> Refined, with cassis and blackberry preserves. Cabernet Franc blend.	93	\$85
<b>MULLINEUX Chenin Blanc Swartland Granite Old Vines 2016</b> Very juicy, with a bright mix of fig, almond, pear and apple notes.	93	\$90
<b>MULLINEUX Chenin Blanc Swartland Quartz Leliefontein 2016</b> Alluring, with fig, pear, plum, green almond and honeysuckle flavors.	93	\$90
<b>MULLINEUX Syrah Swartland Iron 2015</b> Offers plum, blackberry and currant fruit, with lots of juicy energy.	93	\$135
<b>RUST EN VREDE Cabernet Sauvignon Stellenbosch Single Vineyard 2012</b> A rich red, with a loamy edge to the cassis, blackberry and plum fruit.	93	\$100
<b>SADIE FAMILY Soldaat Piekenierskloof 2016</b> A bright, fresh style, with raspberry and boysenberry flavors. Grenache.	93	\$65

### TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
<b>CEDERBERG Shiraz Cederberg 2014</b> Juicy and fresh, this red shows plum and raspberry coulis notes.	91	\$20
<b>REYNEKE Capstone Stellenbosch 2014</b> Alluring, with plum and boysenberry preserves. Cabernet blend.	90	\$16
<b>SOUTHERN RIGHT Sauvignon Blanc Walker Bay 2017</b> Offers weight and zip, with lemon-lime notes and herbal accents.	90	\$19
<b>SPIER Chenin Blanc Swartland Vintage Selection 2015</b> Delightful, with rich pear, apple and green fig fruit flavors.	90	\$15
<b>DE MORGENZON Chardonnay Stellenbosch DMZ 2016</b> This has plump pear and melon fruit flavors carried by racy acidity.	89	\$18
<b>KEN FORRESTER Chenin Blanc Western Cape Petit 2017</b> Fresh and lively overall, with meringue and lemon chiffon notes.	89	\$12
<b>GLENELLY Chardonnay Stellenbosch The Glass Collection 2017</b> Direct, with bright honeysuckle, peach and yellow apple flavors.	89	\$18
<b>MAN VINTNERS Cabernet Sauvignon Coastal Region Tormentoso 2015</b> A solid Cabernet, offering a mix of red and black currant fruit.	89	\$15
<b>RAATS FAMILY Chenin Blanc Stellenbosch Original Unwooded 2017</b> Plump and friendly, with yellow apple, ginger and chamomile notes.	89	\$15
<b>STORM POINT WINES Chenin Blanc Swartland 2017</b> Juicy peach and lemon curd notes flow through, with a plump finish.	89	\$15
<b>A.A. BADENHORST FAMILY Secateurs Red Swartland 2015</b> Pretty, with cherry, blood orange and pomegranate fruit. Shiraz blend.	88	\$17
<b>BUITENVERWACHTING Sauvignon Blanc Western Cape Beyond 2017</b> Bright, with notes of white peach, chamomile and fleur de sel.	88	\$12
<b>DE WETSHOF Chardonnay Robertson Limestone Hill 2017</b> Plump and enticing, with star fruit, pear and apple fruit flavors.	88	\$16
<b>EXCELSIOR Cabernet Sauvignon Robertson 2016</b> A juicy, friendly style, with a mix of cassis and cherry preserves.	88	\$10
<b>FAIRVALLEY Chenin Blanc Western Cape 2017</b> Friendly Key lime, green apple and green almond notes bounce along.	88	\$10
<b>FLEUR DU CAP Chenin Blanc Western Cape Essence du Cap 2017</b> Offers pear and green melon flavors allied to a rounded frame.	88	\$12
<b>INDABA Chardonnay Western Cape 2016</b> A textbook crowd-pleaser, with pear and creamed green apple notes.	88	\$12
<b>KLEIN CONSTANTIA Sauvignon Blanc Constantia 2016</b> A focused white, with Key lime, white asparagus and mâche notes.	88	\$18
<b>KWV Chenin Blanc Western Cape Classic Collection 2017</b> Friendly kiwifruit and Key lime curd notes mingle in this version.	88	\$10
<b>ANTHONIJ RUPERT Chenin Blanc Western Cape Protea 2016</b> Bright Key lime, white peach and kiwifruit flavors stream through.	88	\$20
<b>SPIER Beyond Ordinary Coastal Region 2016</b> This red shows rich plum and blackberry fruit flavors. Cabernet blend.	88	\$15