



THE VINEYARD **CONNECTION**

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The Discovery of the Year

-Shannon Vineyards to become Cult Winery-

The great thing about the South African winelands is that, around every corner, you are bound to find something new and exciting – and how the adrenaline pumped when we tasted the new wines from [Shannon Vineyards](#) in Elgin recently.

[Shannon Vineyards](#) is based in the cooler climate of the fertile Elgin Valley. With the Atlantic Ocean only 12km away, the vineyards enjoy a cooler climate than most in South Africa, with the result of slower ripening grapes and ideal growing conditions. The saying that great wine is made in the vineyard never rang more true, as meticulous attention is given to planting the correct clone in the correct site, resulting in the healthiest grapes with the greatest flavour concentration possible. Owned by the Downes family, whose forefathers hail from Cork, Ireland, duties on the farm is split between James Downes who looks after the vineyards, Stuart Downes who looks after the marketing, whilst Gordon Johnston and Nadia Cilliers nurtures the grapes from vine to bottle. All the wine in the portfolio amazed us, with it's fruit purity, perfect balance between fruit and oak and amazing length on the palate. These wines have not been rated in the Platter Guide yet, but we are confident that they will quickly become some of the most sought after wines, both locally and abroad.

Shannon Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2008

R 123.00 p.b.

This wine is all you want from a world-class, cool-climate Sauvignon. Concentrated fruit of asparagus and gooseberry with some citrus and capsicum polishing off a Sauvignon which needs to be handled with some respect. The blending in of 15% Semillon adds mouth feel and complexity, which all hints to great ageing potential. A broad mouth feel and enduring length leaves no part of the palate untouched, culminating in a Sauvignon of incredible structure, length and quality. It can be paired with a diverse range of dishes like creamed mussels, salmon and even seared tuna. Bravo! *Drink now – 2011.*

Shannon Vineyards Mount Bullet 2007

R 258.00 p.b.

When tasting this wine for the first time most people are amazed to find that it is 100 percent Merlot. The story behind the wine is as unique as the wine itself. The name Mount Bullet originates from Bullet Bay on the ocean side of the mountain range. It is here that the round granite rocks, when rolling back and forth in the surf zone, bang against each other creating the effect of bullets being fired. It is with this same intensity that this wine hits your palate and never seems to let go. This has to one of the best Merlot's in South Africa without a doubt. The textured richness of the tannins and beautiful balance between acid and fruit, makes it more international in style. This will make any Pomerol or Saint Emillion sit up and take notice. Bravo! *Only 10 Barrels made. Drink Now - 2015*

Shannon Vineyards Pinot Noir 2007

R 303.00 p.b.

How this Pinot Noir evolves in the glass is quite extraordinary. Considerable emphasis is placed on vineyard site selection and it pays off in this remarkable wine, full of layered fruit and smooth tannins. On the nose you'll find the traditional earthy character of Pinot Noir (mushrooms, forest floor) and on the palate the trademark silky, smooth tannins, you'd come to expect. Easily one of the most impressive Pinot's ever tasted out of South Africa and once again sure to be mistaken for quality Burgundy when tasted blind. *Only 9 Barrels made. Drink Now - 2015.*

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All of these wines are available to buy online at www.wineshop.co.za or by visiting our boutique wine shop, which is located on Delvera Farm on the R44, right in the heart of the winelands of South Africa. We have spectacular views over the Klipmutskop Conservancy and Table Bay and offer daily tastings of wines from the region and beyond. With over 400 labels featured at any given time, auction wines, older vintages and special releases on display, you are sure to find something to suit both your palate and wallet.

We are also open 7 days a week and our professional wine consultants are looking forward to welcoming you when you are next in the area.

Happy Shopping!

The Vineyard Connection Wine Team