

Wine Cellar tasters determine top luxury white wines

Wine Cellar - with expert palates Roland Peens and James Pietersen - recently hosted its second luxury white taste-off, which saw 74 tasters assemble in Cape Town and Johannesburg. Ten of South Africa's most expensive wines were blind-tasted and ranked by the public tasters in order of their favourite, to their least favourite.

The order of the wines was random and tasters were unaware of the line-up. The results from Johannesburg were combined with those from Cape Town and the live announcement was made to tasters in both cities over Skype as well as on social media.

400 Gabriel Glasses and the most expensive white wines in S.A. <u>#WineCellarLuxuryWhite</u>

<u>pic.twitter.com/6P5r7wbc12</u>— Roland Peens (@WineCellarRSA) <u>March 7, 2018</u>

Once every two years, the unique opportunity arises to not only take part in, but play a deciding role in determining SA's top luxury wines from a selection of ten of the country's finest at each event, priced at up to R2000 a bottle.

The <u>luxury red wine tasting</u> will take place on 18 April in the same format.





Johannesburg Top Three:

- 1. Ken Forrester, FMC Single Barrel 2014 R 700
- 2. Capensis, Chardonnay 2014 R 950
- 3. Sadie Family, Palladius 2015 R 725

Cape Town Top Three:

- 1. Capensis, Chardonnay 2014 R 950
- 2. Ken Forrester, FMC Single Barrel 2014 R 700
- 3. Paul Cluver, Seven Flags Chardonnay 2016 R 610

Overall results:

- 1. Capensis, Chardonnay 2014 R 950
- 2. Ken Forrester, FMC Single Barrel 2014 R 700
- 3. Paul Cluver, Seven Flags Chardonnay 2016 R 610

All wines tasted during the luxury white wine tasting:

1	Spier	Franks K Smit	2015
2	Reyneke	Natural Chenin Blanc	2016
3	Sadie Family	Palladius	2015
4	Raats	Eden High Density Chenin Blanc	2015
5	Ken Forrester	The FMC - Single Barrel	2013
6	Paul Cluver	Seven Flags Chardonnay	2016
7	Uva Mira	Icon Chardonnay	2014
8	Leeu Passant	Stellenbosch Chardonnay	2015
9	Capensis	Chardonnay	2014
10	Delaire Graaff	Terrace Block Chardonnay	2015

Complete Wine Cellar tasting schedule for January-April 2018.

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