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To celebrate Women's Month we spoke to some of South Africa's top female winemakers about their favourite wines. Read on for their recommendations – and great deals – for everyday drinking and special occasions.

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Cellar selection



R99

FLEUR DU CAP
UNFILTERED
CHARDONNAY
750ml

Looking for a standby white wine? This is it, says outgoing Fleur du Cap cellar master Andrea Freeborough. "Die Bergkelder really does have access to some of the finest Chardonnay vineyards, allowing our team to produce a consistently good Chardonnay that can be enjoyed soon after release for a fresher style, or after a few years for those who prefer a little bottle maturation."



R90

UITKYK
CARLONET
750ml

Estelle Lourens has been making wines at Uitkyk for nearly 15 years, so when she says the Carlonet is her favourite, we take notice – and so should you! "It has such history behind it and I just love a wine with a good story – it makes for wonderful conversation around the dinner table! And then of course its longevity – I tasted an 1982 the other day and it blew me away!"



R42

ZONNEBLOEM
CHARDONNAY
750ml

White winemaker Elize Coetzee at Zonnebloem might not be very artistic when it comes to music or art, but loves that she can be creative by turning grapes into wine. "The Zonnebloem Chardonnay is a favourite of mine. It's rich in flavour but smooth-drinking and great with food. Its lively citrus nose and notes of vanilla oak on the palate remind me of starlit suppers in summer."