





2008
**The Winery
of Good Hope**
Radford Dale Chardonnay



First Impression: Elegant, elegant, elegant.
The Taste: Minerals, vanilla, deep white fruit, spice smooth and round.

Neil Says:

When Distell launched their Hill & Dale brand, Alex Dale complained that punters would get confused. Not that there is any chance of that happening with this classy drop ...

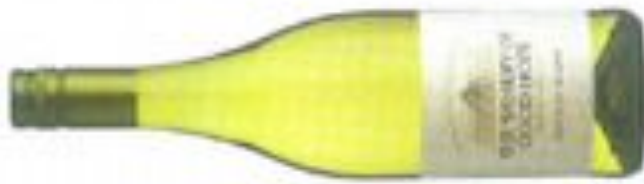
2007
The Winery of Good Hope
Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot



First Impression: Shouts Cabernet Sauvignon.
The Taste: Well structured with sweet-sour plum skins and sweet ripe prune plums

Michael Says:

I want to light a braai fire when I even as much as sniff this wine.



2008
The Winery of Good Hope
Chenin Blanc

First Impression: Rich and leesy.

The Taste: Honey, pears and lanolin.

Neil Says: Pleasant leesy concentration and lingering finish.



2008
The Winery of Good Hope
Chardonnay/Chenin Blanc/Vignier

First Impression: Toasty, smooth, ripe, exotic and rich.

The Taste: Dusty tropical peaches and pineapple.

Neil Says: A canny dash of oak rounds off this exotic union. The liquid definition of "more-ish".

Michael Says: Seamless from nose to tail.



2008

The Winery of Good Hope
Radford Dale Freedom Pinot Noir

First Impression: Violets and lavender.

The Taste: Smooth mouthfeel, plums and spicy stones, layers of complex flavours.

Neil Says: Catherine Deneuve and cat in overdrive.

Michael Says: This is a small production of less than 50 cases. Alex Dale grew up in Burgundy, home of this 'heartbreak' grape.

2006
Radford Dale
Gravity



First Impression: Exotic potpourri.

The Taste: Flowery nose, intense berry flavours with good length.

Neil Says: A serious wine: Bacchus does a Higgs Boson.



2008
The Winery of Good Hope
Pinot Noir

First Impression: Full, fat, big-style Pinot.

The Taste: Nice oak and soft aromatic fruits, good seamless tannins.

Neil Says: Classic farmyard smells, juicy berries.
Screwcapped for early drinking.

Michael Says: Perfect with a pork belly –
the Pinot will cut the fat beautifully.

**Did You
Know?**

Alex Dale makes some great wines at this under-
the-radar winery in Stellenbosch.

Small print: 14% alcohol and nice and dry 1.90g/l residual sugar.
Western Cape grapes. Drink now, don't keep.



2007
The Winery of Good Hope
Black Rock White Blend



First Impression: Sweet aromatic lime blossom.

The Taste: Concentrated peach and lime.

The Bacchus Boys

With the FIFA World Cup 2010 we've assembled a dream team from the top-performers in our blind tastings for *The People's Guide*.

Strikers

Miles Mossop (Tokara and Zondernaam): A David Beckham of the bottle whose elegant whites delight the palate.

Thys Louw (Diemersdal): Bipedal dexterity with knockout reds and whites.

Midfield

Tariro Masayiti (Nederburg): Fans serenade him with vuvuzelas at the Soweto Wine Show.

Sebastian Beaumont (Beaumont): Winemaker with a good understanding of the "pitch".

Alex Dale (Winery of Good Hope): Brings a fresh French flair to the game.

Defence

Linley Shultz (Distell): Vinous strategist behind the resurgent Two Oceans brand.

Jeff Grier (Milliera): Versatile player with bubbly, whites & reds in his locker.

David Nieuwoudt (Cederberg): A high-altitude acrobat whose wines have a unique pyrotechnical style.

Charles Hopkins (De Grendel): An experienced player who has unlocked the potential of Durbanville Sauvignon Blanc.

Goalkeeper

Marius Malan (Staley): A master of good value and his saves save wine lovers a fortune.

Coach

Gary Jordan (Jordan): Extensive experience in the Stellenboschkloof, Cape Winemakers Guild and the London restaurant scene help the coach deliver the goods.



Michael Olivier and Neil Pendock have donated funds to the SA Guide-Dogs Association for the Blind to purchase and train a guide-dog.



NEIL SAYS

Neil Pendock is South Africa's leading independent drinks commentator.

A columnist for the *Sunday Times*, *Financial Mail*, www.winenews.co.za and *WINE* magazines, he was voted "most trusted palate" by readers of *WINE* in 2007.

Neil judges at various blind wine competitions, including Concours Mondial de Bruxelles, Absa Top Ten Pinotage, Paardeberg/Simonaberg Potjiekos Challenge and Stellenbosch Hills Biltongmaker of the Year.

An enthusiastic amateur, he has a healthy disregard for the anoraks, bowties and Emperors of drink and their new clothes, both locally and internationally.

His book *Soer Grapes* was published by Tafelberg in 2008.

After six days of blind tasting, the decisions are all made, Coup de Coeur hearts of individual recognition have been awarded and many patrons of The Nose Wine Bar have enjoyed copious glasses of complimentary leftovers.

Herewith ten observations of my tasting experience:

1. 2007 and 2008 are stunning vintages for Pinot Noir, with four wines especially impressing: Two Oceans 2008; Alex Dale's Winery of Good Hope 2008, while Danie de Wet's Nature in Concert 2007 and Pieter Visser's Oak Valley 2007 were simply splendid.