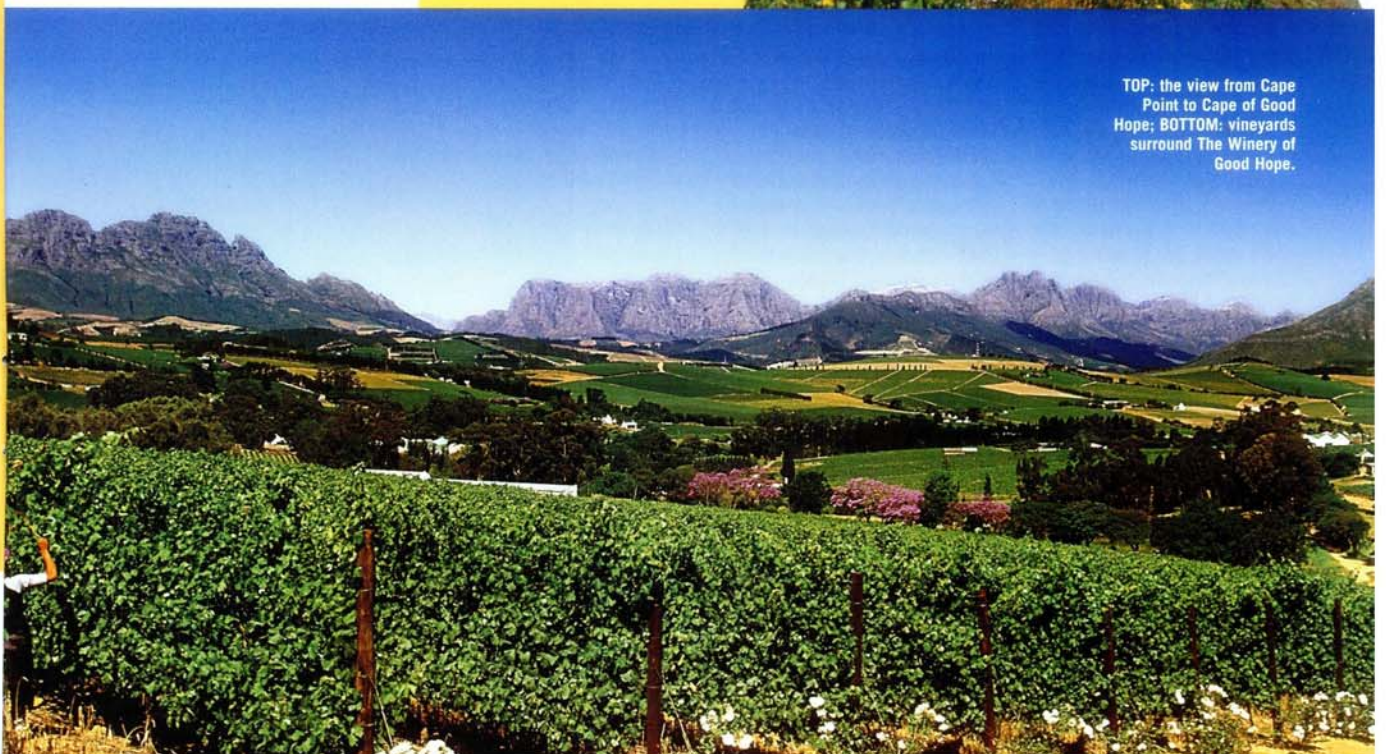


THE WINERY OF GOOD HOPE

Celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2008, The Winery of Good Hope is a relative newcomer that's garnering a lot of buzz. Quality and individuality are this hip winery's chief goals and these are clearly evident on its irreverent website as well as in its exciting wines which include the Radford Dale, Vinum Africa and Black Rock brands (see Black Rock Red, pg.14). Founder Alex Dale and most of the ownership partners, which includes Rhône winemaker Édouard Labeye being one, make up the 'dream team' responsible for the day-to-day running of the winery.



TOP: the view from Cape Point to Cape of Good Hope; BOTTOM: vineyards surround The Winery of Good Hope.





BLACK ROCK RED 2006
 WO Swartland
 (The Winery of Good Hope)

Rhône-based winemaker Édouard Labeye calls South Africa his second home after working a decade's worth of vintages there. This Rhône away from home is comprised of 66% Shiraz, 13% Carignan, 11% Mourvedre, 9% Grenache and 1% Viognier.

TASTING NOTE: Southern Rhône inspired exotic blend, individual & compelling. Shiraz-led 06 doesn't falter: violets, dried herbs, campfire smoke & crushed blueberries. The trademark lithe tannins welcome participation; this is pure hedonism. Score – ★★ ★★ 1/2 (out of 5). (Christine Rudman, *John Platter South African Wines*, 2008)

068502 (XD) 750 mL
 \$ 23.95

CAFÉ CULTURE PINOTAGE 2007
 WO Western Cape
 (KWV)

Café Culture is designed to emphasize the vivid coffee characteristics that can be achieved through barrel ageing. Winemaker Bertus Fourie is an expert in this style of Pinotage. The mocha flavours intertwined with the ripe berry fruit of the Pinotage grape makes this wine a truly decadent experience. A Gold Medal winner at South Africa's prestigious Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2007.

072710 (XD) 750 mL
 \$ 13.95

LONG MOUNTAIN RESERVE PINOTAGE 2007
 WO Western Cape

TASTING NOTE: "Our flagship and the way we want to go with our Reserves" says winemaker [Emile Gentis]. Big, bold but friendly 07, inviting freshly roasted coffee aromas,

flavours of dark chocolate and plum ripe plum. Moreish [desirable]. Score – ★★ ★★ 1/2 (out of 5). (Dave Biggs, *John Platter South African Wines*, 2008)

068742 (XD) 750 mL
 \$ 13.95
Benchmark

TUKULULU PINOTAGE 2005
 WO Darling

TASTING NOTE: Seriously weighted 2005 shows massive tannin grip, with classy cassis, nutmeg & wild mushroom replacing 2004's plump, jammy fruit and soft tannins. Cranberry tartness contrasts with vanilla (from 45% American oak) to balance ripeness. Score – ★★★★★ (out of 5). (Roland Peens, *John Platter South African Wines*, 2008)

068700 (XD) 750 mL
 \$ 21.95



A pink-tinged sunset colours the mountains above another Cape Dutch estate.

