

RIVERSIDE RED X WINE CLUB

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In keeping with our wines from the around the world theme. This month's wines are all from South Africa. While South Africa has a long history of growing grapes and making wine, they have less of a history on exporting it, and are even less known for quality wines. That is until recently. At the turn of the century (1900 that is) a surplus of wine in South Africa created a hierarchy of cooperatives. These organizations seemed to favor quantity over quality and had most of the control over both wines and vineyards until the late 1980's. Now with more competition, quality is coming around. Yes,

South African wine was not even seen in American wine stores until the mid 1990's. The trade embargo on the country for their racial apartheid kept the South African wines out of the U.S. Now that it has adopted a multi-racial attitude and the world has embraced its government and its exports, South Africa has become a major wine producer. Quality has never been higher and we are pleased to be able to offer our members a taste of what South African vineyards have to offer.



**Goats Do Roam
Red**

A fantastic blend with a vibrant ruby red color, rich fruit aromas and a rich medium bodied style, make this wine a true expression of the South African wine style.

The story of this wine begins one afternoon, at harvest time, my mischievous son Jason and his friend Justin let the goats out of their tower and sent them for a



The Left Bank

Made from grapes coming from Stellenbosch, an important wine - producing district in the western Cape province of South Africa. The town of Stellenbosch dates back to 1679 when it was founded by the governor of the Cape Colony, Simon van der Stel. With its well-drained hilly terrain and sheltered valleys it was not long before grapes were planted. The first vines were planted by Huguenot



**Man Vintners
Chenin Blanc**

This little white is so charming, fresh and delicious! Fruit filled yet dry, Chenin Blanc is the most widely planted white varietal on the Cape in South Africa.

MAN began with three friends and an idea to make a wine that we ourselves would love to buy. Good quality, good value and good packaging. Not exactly an epiphany, but enough to



walkabout amongst the vines. As with the legend of the Yemeni goat herder, whose roaming flock first discovered the joys of coffee beans, these goats picked out the best and tastiest fruit. Their choices serve as the inspiration for this wine.

Charles Black

I know, a wine inspired by goats might not sound appealing however after being produced and marketed for over a decade now, the "Goats" brand has established itself in many markets and has become South Africa's leading wine brand in the United States.

And legend has it that the Goats are still the inspiration behind the brand!

The goats do roam!



settlers in 1690.

A full bodied red with purple hues and concentrated red berry fruits is one you are sure to enjoy.



NOTICE

Each months promo wines are available for our members to pick up for a full 60 days after their 1st of the month release. After 60 days we are unable to guarantee their availability for our members unless prior notice has been given for a late pick up.

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE

Thank You In Advance for your cooperation in this matter.

motivate us into action. What do we name it? Keeping peace in the family, we took the first initials of our wives - so this is how we explained to Marie, Annette, and Nicky that we were going to be "busy" most weekends. "It's for you" we told them. And it's mostly true.

That is the story that the three men tell, however the three women were good friends long before their husbands got the idea to make wines, so it is an ongoing argument whose idea it was in the first place.

