

FONDATION
pour la culture et les
civilisations du vin

PARTNERSHIP WITH WINE COUNTRIES

Reporting year 2025

Wines of South Africa

OUR PARTNERSHIP

- The partnership was signed on December 08, 2015
- Last donation received on January 2025 : 1 128 bottles

THE WINES FEATURED IN OUR TASTING SPACES IN 2025

- Belvédère (top floor with a panoramic view)
- Recurring Tasting Workshops
- Afterworks
- Cultural Events

PROSPECTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2026

2025 at a glance



390 550 visitors in 2025 in total
(including private events)

3.5 million
visitors since 2016



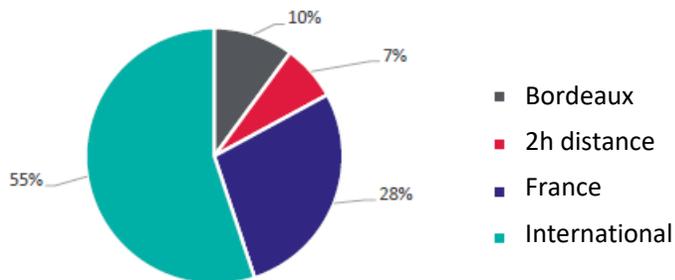
16 730 participants in workshops (daily and afterworks)

24 000 participants in Via Sensoria 2025



55%

of visitors from international countries
Top 3 : Spain, USA, Great Britain



8.5/10
satisfaction score

68 NPS

Net Promoter Score : an indicator of how likely the museum is to be recommended

Calculated based on the difference between people who gave a 9 or 10 and people who gave 1-6 in response to the question "Would you recommend the Cité du vin to those around you?"



A unique operational model

Public-private financing for the construction of the building
Auto-financed operations without public funding

Financial sources :

Ticket sales	70%
Patronage	10%
Private booking of event spaces	10%
Boutique	10%
Engineering / Development of cultural projects	

100% of financing with our own means

Focus on Patronage:

An **essential role** in the Foundation's economic model to ensure the Cité du Vin's funding and creation of cultural activities

General support

Sponsor of **cultural programming**

Sponsor of **sustainable development**

Sponsor of the **Permanent exhibition**

Sponsor of the **Sensory tasting journey**

Exclusive events: charity dinners, online auctions





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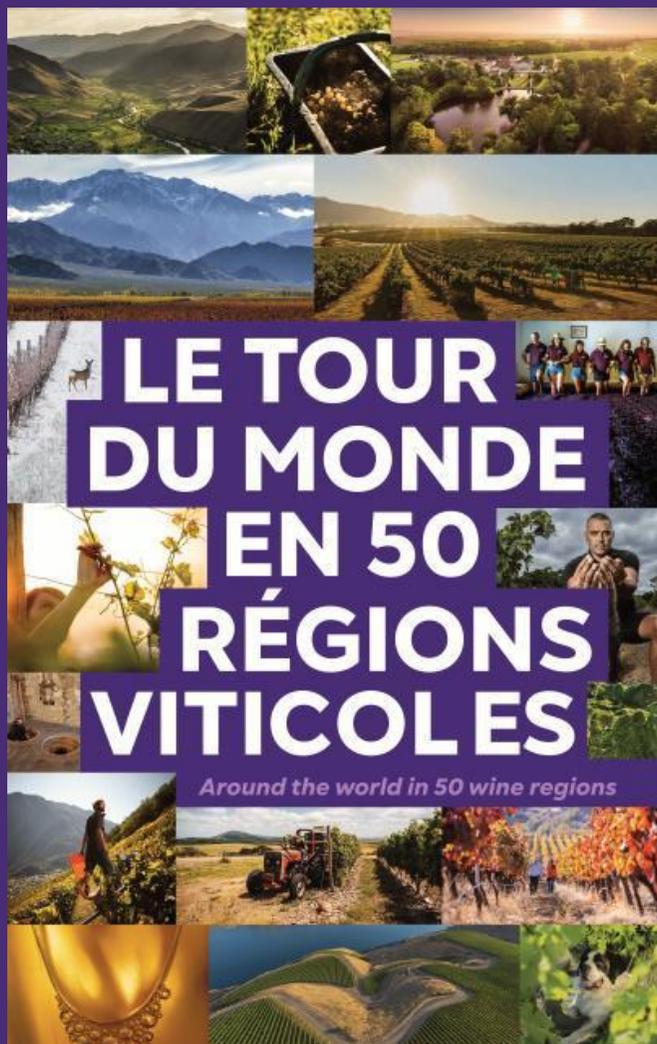
ET TOUJOURS SOIF DE CULTURE !

Cité du Vin celebrates its **10-year** anniversary!

A year-long program of **celebratory events**

- **Via Sensoria** special edition 100% Bordeaux wines
- A photo exhibition highlighting the **wine partners**
- An exhibition of « **Martin Parr** » in the gardens
- A selection of **Cultural events** branded 10 years
- A limited-edition **collection** branded « 10 years » at the Boutique
- A great **Birthday Weekend** from June 5 to 7

Live shows
Concerts
Tastings
Open house
Family workshops
And more ...



Around the World in 50 Wine Regions

PHOTO EXHIBITION

February 13 – December 31, 2026

A tribute to the Cité du Vin's wine partners

50+ emblematic photographs of the world's **wine regions**

An ode to voyage and to **heritage**

Free access and entry on the ground floor of the Cité du Vin

Pays et régions viticoles partenaires de La Cité du Vin 2025

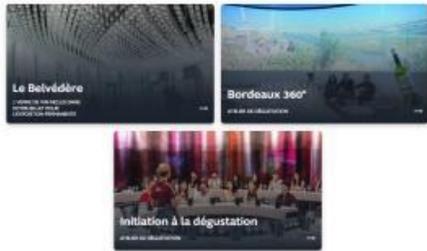
Wine countries and regions partners

-  **AFRIQUE DU SUD** : Wines of South-Africa (WoSA)
-  **ALLEMAGNE** : Deutsches Weininstitut
-  **ARGENTINE** : Wines of Argentina (WofA)
-  **ARMÉNIE** : Vine & Wine Foundation of Armenia
-  **AUSTRALIE** : Australie : Adelaïde, South Australia
-  **AUSTRALIE - Etat du Victoria** : Global Victoria
-  **BELGIQUE** : Association des vignerons de Wallonie et de Flandres
-  **BOSNIE HERZEGOVINE** : Chambre du Commerce Extérieur de Bosnie Herzégovine
-  **BULGARIE** : Bulgarian Winemaking & Export Association
-  **CROATIE** : Vina Croatia (Croatian Chamber of Economy)
-  **CROATIE - Istrie** : Vinistra
-  **ESPAGNE** : Fondation Araex
-  **ETATS-UNIS - Washington** : Washington State Wine
-  **FRANCE - Alsace** : Conseil Interprofessionnel des Vins d'Alsace (CIVA)
-  **FRANCE - Beaujolais** : Inter Beaujolais
-  **FRANCE - Bordeaux** : Conseil Interprofessionnel des Vins de Bordeaux (CIVB)
-  **FRANCE - Bourgogne** : Bureau Interprofessionnel des Vins de Bourgogne (BIVB)
-  **FRANCE - Champagne** : Syndicat Général des Vignerons de la Champagne
-  **FRANCE - Châteauneuf-du-Pape** : Syndicat des vignerons de l'Appellation d'Origine Châteauneuf-du-Pape
-  **FRANCE - Corse** : Conseil Interprofessionnel des Vins de Corse
-  **FRANCE - Centre-Loire** : Bureau Interprofessionnel des Vins du Centre
-  **FRANCE - InterLoire**
-  **FRANCE - Languedoc** : Conseil Interprofessionnel des vins du Languedoc
-  **FRANCE - Pays d'Oc** : Interprofession des Vins Pays d'Oc
-  **FRANCE - Provence** : Conseil Interprofessionnel des Vins de Provence (CIVP)
-  **FRANCE - Rhône** : Inter Rhône
-  **FRANCE - Roussillon** : Conseil Interprofessionnel des Vins du Roussillon (CIVR)
-  **FRANCE - Savoie** : Conseil Interprofessionnel des Vins de Savoie
-  **FRANCE - Sud-Ouest** : Interprofession des Vins du Sud-Ouest (IVSO)
-  **FRANCE - Sud-Ouest** : Interprofession des Vins de Bergerac & Duras
-  **GÉORGIE** : Wines of Georgia
-  **GRANDE-BRETAGNE** : WineGB
-  **GRÈCE - Crète** : Wines of Crete
-  **GRÈCE** : Greek Winemakers Federation
-  **HONGRIE** : Wines of Hungary
-  **ITALIE** : Consorzio Tutela del vino Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco
-  **ITALIE** : Itervitis Italia
-  **KOSOVO** : Association des producteurs de vin du Kosovo (Enologija)
-  **LIBAN** : Union Viticole du Liban
-  **LUXEMBOURG** : Fonds de solidarité viticole du Luxembourg
-  **MAROC** : Association des Sommeliers du Maroc
-  **MEXIQUE** : Consejo Mexicano Vitivinícola
-  **MOLDAVIE** : Wine of Moldova
-  **NOUVELLE ZELANDE - Hawke's Bay** : Hawke's Bay Tourism
-  **PÉROU** : PromPerù
-  **PORTUGAL** : Vini Portugal
-  **PORTUGAL - Douro** : Instituto dos Vinhos do Douro e Porto, I.P.
-  **ROUMANIE** : Association des Producteurs et des Exportateurs des Vins (APEV)
-  **SLOVAQUIE** : Slovak Grape and Wine Producers Association
-  **SUISSE** : Swiss Wine Promotion
-  **TURQUIE** : Itervitis Türkiye
-  **UKRAINE** : Ukrainian Corporation for Viticulture and Wine Production Industry (UKRVINPROM)
-  **URUGUAY** : Uruguay Wine (Inavi)

1. WINES FEATURED AT THE BELVEDERE



“MyVisit,” a web application available on smart phones during the visit, highlights the name of each wine presented in each tasting space (Belvedere, workshops and Via Sensoria), along with tasting notes and the partner’s name + webpage



Wines to discover at the Belvédère

Click on a different wine icon to see its page in the application. The application is available on the first floor of the Cité du Vin.

Bordeaux Cuvée Belvédère	Allemagne Blanc de Bourgogne	Suisse VDJ Chasselas	France Pinot Noir de Bourgogne	Bordeaux Bordeaux Blanc
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FLEUR 2024
Caves de Rauzan

White Durable

TITLE FLEUR	PRODUCER Caves de Rauzan
PARTNER Conseil Interprofessionnel du Vin de Bordeaux	LOCALISATION France
REGION Bordeaux	DESIGNATION Entre-Deux-Mers
CÉPAGE Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon	VINTAGE 2024

ORGANOLEPTIC QUALITIES

Vue: jaune vert Nez: des notes fraîches d'herbes et de fleurs blanches Bouche: une acidité vive avec des notes de pamplemousse, de cédrat et une finale très propre

SHARE

VISIT PARTNER WEBSITE



A screen presents the list of our partners when the visitors arrive at the Belvedere for their tasting.



The daily wine selection is shown on the screen behind the counter, and the bottles are displayed in front of the visitors.

1. THE BELVÉDÈRE – 2025

New ticket option :
2 tasting glasses

The tasting at the Belvédère is included in the entry ticket to the Cité du Vin for the Permanent Exhibition. Visitors can taste 1 or 2 wines chosen from our daily-updated selection from our wine partners donations. **Among the 15 wines displayed, we regularly rotate a diversity of styles & colors.** Some are proposed at different periods of time throughout the entire year.

Code	Name	Producer	Vintage	Type	Start of Tasting Period	End of Tasting Period
VIN0006013	Auret	Clos Malverne	2020	RGMD	23/02/2025	27/02/2025
VIN0007143	Kaapse Vonkel Brut 2023	Simonsig Family Vineyards	2023	EFMD	24/02/2025	01/03/2025
VIN0006015	Pinotage Reserve	Diemersdal Wine Estate	2022	RGMD	01/03/2025	01/03/2025
VIN0007158	Anni Sauvignon blanc	Vrede en Lust Wine Estate	2024	BLMD	05/03/2025	06/03/2025
VIN0007202	DE BLAAUWE KLIP	Blaauwklippen	2018	RGMD	12/03/2025	15/03/2025
VIN0006016	Carpe Diem PINOTAGE	Diemersfontein Wines	2021	RGMD	15/03/2025	22/03/2025



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VIN0007138	Apogée Chardonnay	La Vierge Wines	2021	BLMD	22/03/2025	22/03/2025
VIN0007152	Khakibos White	Thistle and Weed	2023	BLMD	22/03/2025	26/03/2025
VIN0007142	The Dry Land Collection Barrel Fermented Chenin Blanc	Perdeberg Wines Pty Ltd	2023	BLMD	26/03/2025	29/03/2025
VIN0007281	Carpe Diem PINOTAGE	Diemersfontein Wines	2020	RGMD	29/03/2025	29/03/2025
VIN0006039	Reserve Pinot Noir	Creation Wines	2022	RGMD	29/03/2025	03/04/2025
VIN0007118	Carpe Diem MALBEC	Diemersfontein Wines	2023	RGMD	03/04/2025	08/04/2025
VIN0007158	Anni Sauvignon blanc	Vrede en Lust Wine Estate	2024	BLMD	03/04/2025	06/04/2025
VIN0007116	Diemersdal Sauvignon Blanc Reserve	Diemersdal Wine Estate	2024	BLMD	06/04/2025	10/04/2025
VIN0007135	Syrah	La Motte	2020	RGMD	08/04/2025	12/04/2025
VIN0007150	SWARTLAND BUSHVINE PINOTAGE	SWARTLAND WINERY	2021	RGMD	12/04/2025	14/04/2025
VIN0007154	Saturday's Child Pinotage	McFarlane Wines	2023	RGMD	14/04/2025	15/04/2025
VIN0007109	Cappupino ccinotage	Boland Cellar	2023	RGMD	15/04/2025	19/04/2025
VIN0007154	Saturday's Child Pinotage	McFarlane Wines	2023	RGMD	19/04/2025	20/04/2025
VIN0007159	Professor Black Pitch Black	Warwick Wine Estate	2022	RGMD	20/04/2025	22/04/2025
VIN0007156	Seriously Old Dirt	Vilafonté	2021	RGMD	22/04/2025	26/04/2025

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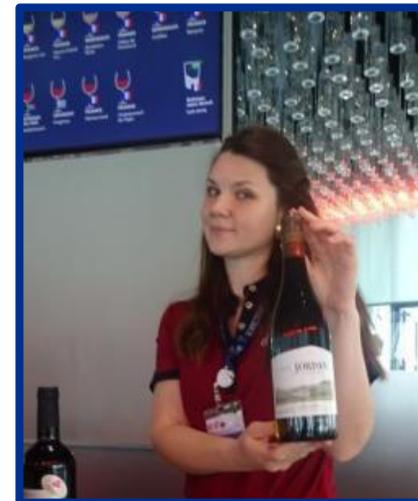
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VIN0007124	Marizanne	Groot Phesantekraal	2023	BLMD	23/04/2025	24/04/2025
VIN0006385	Tierhoek	SANDELL FARMS TIERHOEK	2021	RGMD	26/04/2025	01/05/2025
VIN0007144	Starting Blocks Chenin Blanc	Simonsig Family Vineyards	2024	BLMD	28/04/2025	01/05/2025
VIN0007124	Marizanne	Groot Phesantekraal	2023	BLMD	01/05/2025	02/05/2025
VIN0007148	Strandveld The Navigator	Strandveld Vineyards	2022	RGMD	01/05/2025	03/05/2025
VIN0007134	Chardonnay	La Motte	2023	BLMD	02/05/2025	03/05/2025
VIN0007145	Redhill Pinotage 2021	Simonsig Family Vineyards	2021	RGMD	03/05/2025	05/05/2025
VIN0006385	Tierhoek	SANDELL FARMS TIERHOEK	2021	RGMD	05/05/2025	06/05/2025
VIN0007119	Chardonnay Reserve	Eikendal Vineyards	2022	BLMD	10/05/2025	15/05/2025
VIN0007157	Monsonia	Vondeling Wines	2019	RGMD	10/05/2025	10/05/2025
VIN0007110	Wild Boar Cabernet Sauvignon	Boland Cellar	2021	RGMD	15/05/2025	20/05/2025
VIN0007151	SWARTLAND BUSHVINE CHENIN BLANC	SWARTLAND WINERY	2023	BLMD	16/05/2025	18/05/2025
VIN0007149	Strandveld Adamastor	Strandveld Vineyards	2021	BLMD	18/05/2025	20/05/2025
VIN0007125	Jordan Cold Fact Sauvignon Blanc	Jordan Wine Estate	2023	BLMD	20/05/2025	24/05/2025
VIN0007127	Jordan The Long Fuse Cabernet Sauvignon	Jordan Wine Estate	2022	RGMD	20/05/2025	25/05/2025
VIN0007144	Starting Blocks Chenin Blanc	Simonsig Family Vineyards	2024	BLMD	24/05/2025	26/05/2025

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Code	Name	Producer	Vintage	Type	Start of Tasting Period	End of Tasting Period
VIN0007155	The Mira Cabernet Franc	Uva Mira Mountain Vineyards	2021	RGMD	25/05/2025	29/05/2025
VIN0004665	Piekenierskloof Chenin Blanc	Tierhoek	2022	BLMD	26/05/2025	29/05/2025
VIN0007121	Major Series Cabernet Sauvignon	Ernie Els Wines	2022	RGMD	29/05/2025	31/05/2025
VIN0007115	BATELEUR CHARDONNAY	DE WETSHOF ESTATE	2022	BLMD	29/05/2025	30/05/2025
VIN0007129	Ad Infinitum	Journey's End	2022	BLMD	30/05/2025	31/05/2025
VIN0007132	STELLENBOSCH 1679 SINGLE VINEYARD OLD VINE PINOTAGE	KOELENHOF WINERY	2021	RGMD	01/06/2025	04/06/2025
VIN0007119	Chardonnay Reserve	Eikendal Vineyards	2022	BLMD	02/06/2025	03/06/2025
VIN0006384	Rooiland Pinotage	Kaapzicht	2020	RGMD	04/06/2025	07/06/2025
VIN0007131	Kleine Zalze Family Reserve Chenin Blanc 2022	Kleine Zalze Wines	2022	BLMD	07/06/2025	09/06/2025
VIN0007153	ROCKING HORSE	THORNE & DAUGHTERS WINES	2023	BLMD	09/06/2025	12/06/2025
VIN0007141	Chenin Blanc Steen Op Hout	Mulderbosch Vineyards	2023	BLMD	12/06/2025	15/06/2025
VIN0007120	Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot	Eikendal Vineyards	2021	RGMD	14/06/2025	20/06/2025
VIN0007149	Strandveld Adamastor	Strandveld Vineyards	2021	BLMD	15/06/2025	18/06/2025
VIN0007157	Monsonia	Vondeling Wines	2019	RGMD	20/06/2025	24/06/2025
VIN0007136	Special Edition Pinotage	Leopard's Leap	2022	RGMD	20/06/2025	20/06/2025
VIN0007130	Cape Doctor	Journey's End	2019	RGMD	27/06/2025	02/07/2025

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VIN0007136	Special Edition Pinotage	Leopard's Leap	2022	RGMD	28/06/2025	28/06/2025
VIN0007117	Diemersdal Pinotage	Diemersdal Wine Estate	2023	RGMD	06/07/2025	10/07/2025
VIN0007139	Monday's Child Chenin blanc	McFarlane Wines	2023	BLMD	10/07/2025	11/07/2025
VIN0007128	Destination Chardonnay	Journey's End	2023	BLMD	11/07/2025	13/07/2025
VIN0007129	Ad Infinitum	Journey's End	2022	BLMD	13/07/2025	14/07/2025
VIN0007133	STELLENBOSCH 1679 SINGLE VINEYARD OLD BUSH VINE CHENIN BLANC	KOELENHOF WINERY	2022	BLMD	14/07/2025	17/07/2025
VIN0004665	Piekenierskloof Chenin Blanc	Tierhoek	2022	BLMD	17/07/2025	19/07/2025
VIN0007114	BON VALLON CHARDONNAY	DE WETSHOF ESTATE	2023	BLMD	19/07/2025	20/07/2025
VIN0006043	DE WETSHOF BATELEUR CHARDONNAY	DE WETSHOF ESTAE	2021	BLMD	27/07/2025	30/07/2025
VIN0007112	Darling Cellars Old Bush Vine	Darling Cellars	2022	BLMD	01/08/2025	01/08/2025
VIN0007145	Redhill Pinotage 2021	Simonsig Family Vineyards	2021	RGMD	01/08/2025	01/08/2025
VIN0000746	Grand Constance	Groot Constantia Trust	2013	DXMD	03/08/2025	03/08/2025
VIN0004450	CREATION RES CHARDONNAY	CREATION WINES	2020	BLMD	19/09/2025	19/09/2025
VIN0007149	Strandveld Adamastor	Strandveld Vineyards	2021	BLMD	05/10/2025	05/10/2025
VIN0007138	Apogée Chardonnay	La Vierge Wines	2021	BLMD	16/11/2025	16/11/2025

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Feedback from our visitors

Visitors were pleasantly surprised to discover this sparkling wine from South Africa, and compared its quality to Champagne.

VIN0007143 Kaapse Vonkel Brut
Simonsig Family Vineyards
2023

Fans of Burgundy Chardonnays were astonished by the quality of this wine!

VIN0006038 Reserve Chardonnay
Creation Wines 2022

Visitors appreciated this wine's generous bouquet, as well as its creamy, balanced, and fruity taste.

VIN0007128 Destination Chardonnay
Journey's End 2023

Our visitors who prefer full-bodied reds appreciated this wine and its well-integrated tannins.

VIN0006013 Auret Clos Malverne
2020

The public complimented this wine's complexity and full-bodied structure.

VIN0007117 Diemersdal Wine Estate
Pinotage 2023

Wine faults detected

Code	Name	Producer	Vintage	Type	Comments
VIN0007117	Diemersdal Pinotage	Diemersdal Wine Estate	2023	RGMD	One corked bottle detected.
VIN0006043	DE WETSHOF BATELEUR CHARDONNAY	DE WETSHOF ESTAE	2021	BLMD	29/07 : One bottle oxidized

2. RECURRING TASTING WORKSHOPS – 2025

An Introduction to Wine Tasting Workshop

During this one-hour workshop, visitors taste 3 wines, sequentially engaging each of the senses involved in wine tasting: sight, smell, and taste. The workshop is led by one of our expert sommeliers in French or English, and our international audience can follow along in Spanish, Italian, and German, with the help of audio phones.

This workshop is a great opportunity to become more familiar with the art of tasting, while discovering wines of different styles and regions of the world.

In the months of April, May, July, and August, we featured five wines from South Africa. The variety of styles allowed us to serve the wines in different sessions to illustrate each style: an unoaked, aromatic white, an oaked white wine, and a full-bodied red wine. In total, about 67 sessions took place with these wines.

Code	Name	Producer	Vintage	Type
VIN0007160	Professor Black Sauvignon Blanc	Warwick Wine Estate	2024	BLMD
VIN0007122	Estate Reserve Red	Glenelly	2017	RGMD
VIN0007126	Jordan Chardonnay barrel fermented	Jordan Wine Estate	2023	BLMD
VIN0006038	Reserve Chardonnay	Creation Wines	2022	BLMD
	Apogée Chardonnay	La Vierge Wines	2021	BLMD



2. RECURRING TASTING WORKSHOPS – 2025

Wine and Chocolate

Aromas, intensity, depth, geographic diversity... Wine and chocolate share multiple commonalities. Featuring 3 wines paired with 3 different chocolates from our partner [Hasnaa](#), this workshop is available for private group reservations. About 10 workshops took place in 2025, and included a wine from South Africa, Portugal, and a “Vin Doux Naturel” from France. Each session can hold up to 44 participants.

In this year’s sessions, we paired a Cabernet sauvignon and a Pinotage from South Africa with a dark chocolate from Idukki, in the south-west of India. Made with Trinitario and Forastero varieties of cacao, the dark chocolate features tangy notes of cherry, tropical fruits, and slightly floral hints. Paired with The Mira Cabernet Sauvignon, Clos Malverne Pinotage or Leopard’s Leap Pinotage, the tasting highlighted beautiful notes of cassis and black cherry, with a silky, creamy texture that lingered on the palate.

Code	Name	Producer	Vintage
VIN0006034	The Mira Cabernet Sauvignon	Uva Mira Mountain Vineyards	2018
VIN0007136	Special Edition Pinotage	Leopard's Leap	2022
VIN0006245	Clos Malverne Pinotage	Clos Malverne	2020



2. RECURRING TASTING WORKSHOPS – 2025

Wine and Cheese

Similar to wine, cheese can be influenced by the terroir, the flora, and the geology of where it is produced. In this workshop, an expert sommelier explains the many possibilities of enhancing the pairing of wines and cheeses.

Available for private group reservations, the workshops in 2024 included these pairings :

- A Loire Valley wine and a fresh goat cheese, notably a Mothais sur Feuille
- A wine from South Africa with a washed-rind cheese such as the Trappe d’Echourgnac
- A Châteauneuf-du-Pape red wine with an 18-month-aged Comté



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Code	Name	Producer	Vintage
VIN0004459	Vergelegen GVB White	Vergelegen	2018
VIN0004491	Babiana	Vondeling Wines	2020
VIN0004484	DE WETSHOF BATELEUR CHARDONNAY	DE WETSHOF ESTATE	2018



2. RECURRING TASTING WORKSHOPS – 2025

Wine and Sophrology

In this workshop led by a sophrologist, privately reserved groups can experience a new form of wine tasting with two wines carefully selected by our head sommelier. With the help of relaxation and breathing exercises, participants are guided to awaken their senses and savor in all authenticity the subtle aromas and tastes of wine. For the blind tasting in this sensory experience, we chose the 2010 vintage of Waterford Estate's The Jem, along with a white wine from Pessac-Léognan in Bordeaux.

This distinguished wine from Stellenbosch possessed the perfect characteristics to allow the participants to taste with heightened awareness and intuition. With its complexity and concentration, the audience treasured a truly unique, sensory experience.



3. AFTERWORKS – 2025

27.02.2025 – Afterwork « Original Grape Varietals » (2 sessions with 44 participants each)

In this workshop focused on wines made with rare or lesser-known grape varieties, the public was introduced to the resurgence of interest in grapes that are considered “original”, due to their aromatic qualities, their geographical location, or their adaptability to climate change. Our sommelier chose to feature a Pinotage from Durbanville, a blend of Solaris, Muscaris from Belgium, and an Humagne from Switzerland.

The 2022 Pinotage Reserve from Diemersdal Wine Estate grabbed the audience’s interest both due to its history and its unique quality. Participants were extremely honored to taste a wine from one of the oldest wineries in South Africa, dating back to a few years following the arrival of the Huguenots. The generous and complex aromas of the Pinotage, with its notes of cassis, vanilla, tobacco, and coffee, gave the audience an unforgettable tasting experience.



3. AFTERWORKS – 2025

01.05.2025 – Afterwork « Wine and Bistro Cuisine » (2 sessions with 44 participants each)

Bistro cuisine is synonymous with a traditional know-how that exemplifies simplicity, authenticity, generosity, and comfort. Originally a place where one could come and relax with a glass of wine, brandy, or absinthe, the bistro has evolved to become a place of dining and informal gatherings in a cozy atmosphere. In the likeness of this tradition featuring simple yet refined cuisine with quality ingredients, this workshop invited its participants to discover three typical bistro foods paired with three wines:

- A deviled egg with a Sauvignon blanc from the Loire
- A truffled ham and butter sandwich with a Chardonnay from South Africa
- Chocolate cake with a red wine from Slovakia

The barrel-aged 2023 Chardonnay from La Motte, with its full-bodied structure, was the ideal wine to accompany the truffled ham and butter sandwich. The scent of roasted almonds and the buttery texture of the wine combined perfectly with the truffled ham, leaving a long finish on the palate. Participants especially appreciated that the wine was biodynamic.



3. AFTERWORKS – 2025

22.05.2025 – Afterwork « Chardonnay » (2 sessions with 44 participants each)

In celebration of #ChardonnayDay, we hosted this workshop to discover the multiple facets and secrets behind the popularity of this grape. With the guidance of our sommelier, the public enjoyed an overview of its historical origins, geographical affinities, and its diverse methods of production and styles. The 2020 Reserve Chardonnay from Creation Wines was featured alongside a Chardonnay from Greece and from Chablis, France. Our audience particularly appreciated the cuvée from Walker Bay, complimenting that its refined notes of oak blended beautifully with the crispness of the fruit.



3. AFTERWORKS – 2025

31.07.2025 – Afterwork « Afrique du Sud » (2 sessions with 44 participants each)

In this workshop focused on the wines of South Africa, our visitors were invited on a journey through three districts of the Coastal Region : Stellenbosch, Darling, and Cape Town. With the guidance of our sommelier, participants explored the history, terroir, and trends of each destination through three representative wines :

- 2022 Darling Cellars Old Bush Vine Chenin Blanc – With its complex aromas of quince, vanilla, and buttery and smoky notes, this Chenin blanc left our visitors extremely gratified.
- 2021 Redhill Pinotage by Simonsig Family Vineyards – This emblematic grape variety was a crowd-pleaser, with an elegance upheld by appealing notes of ageing that were starting to develop.
- Groot Constantia's 2013 Grand Constance – This wine was the cherry on the cake! Participants shared a truly special moment around this historic treasure. It was a magnificent way to conclude the workshop.



3. AFTERWORKS – 2025

13.11.2025 – Afterwork « Autumn Flavors » (2 sessions with 44 participants each)

Fall leaves, mushrooms, roasted chestnuts, root vegetables... The autumn season reveals many textures and smells. In this sensory workshop, our sommelier guided the audience through a tasting of carefully crafted, seasonal items with a selection of three wines. On the menu :

- Cep mushroom butter from "La Ferme de Cap Blanc" with a white wine from South Africa
- Curried walnuts from "Le Verger de Beauregard« with a white wine from Alsace
- Candied chestnuts from "L'Atelier de la Châtaigne" with a sparkling wine from the Loire Valley

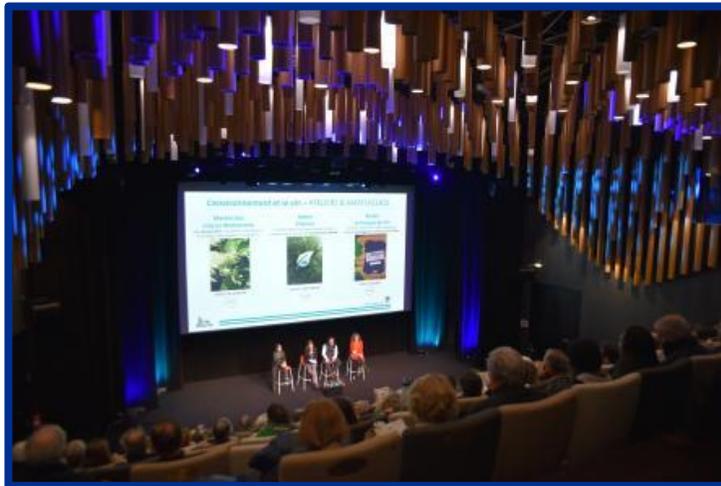
La Vierge Wines' 2021 Apogée Chardonnay stirred up many emotions from our participants, who were impressed of this creamy, buttery Chardonnay from the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge of Walker Bay. The wine was a dreamy match for the cep mushroom butter, leaving a long finish on the palate with a smooth, rich sensation.



4. CULTURAL EVENTS - 2025

09.01.2025 – Inauguration of the Season's Cultural Events

At the beginning of each new semester at the Cité du vin, we invite our yearly subscribers and the press to come discover the line-up of our cultural events. The presentation is followed by a wine tasting that highlights some of our partners. To launch the 2025 spring/summer season, we featured wines from our partners in South Africa and the Loire Valley in France. As a foretaste of the various events with wines from South Africa, the attendees enjoyed a glass of the 2020 Single Vineyard Old Vine Pinotage from Koelenhof Winery.



4. CULTURAL EVENTS - 2025

08.04.2025 – Round Table: South Africa and the New Eldorado of Winemaking

In this special event in partnership with Wines of South Africa, we hosted three guests in a round-table discussion led by the journalist Dominique Hutin: Naretha Ricome (Vice-President of Advini South Africa), Rosa Kruger (Founder of the Old Vine Project), and Candice Hunt (Communications and Export Director at Klein Constantia). This engaging discussion addressed topics such as South Africa's role in the global wine industry, its historical heritage, the generation of new winemakers, and the evolving practices in the face of environmental stakes. Following the round table, participants continued their discussions around a glass of Darling Cellars' 2022 Old Bush Vine Chenin Blanc, a direct link to this mission of preservation of old vines.



4. CULTURAL EVENTS - 2025

21.05.2025 – Ciné Gourmand « The Cakemaker »

Four times a year, the Cité du Vin hosts an event with Chef Jésus, our local chef who designs a four-course menu that is inspired by a film about food or wine. After the film screening, the participants enjoy the four-course meal with wine-and-food pairings conceived by our sommelier team.

On this occasion, we served the **2024 Wild Yeast Chardonnay from Springfield Estate** to pair with the appetizer: buckwheat toasts with smoked beetroot labneh and red onion pickled in raspberry vinegar.

A red wine from Australia, a red wine from New Zealand, and sweet wine from Germany completed the selection.



4. CULTURAL EVENTS - 2025

17.06.2025 – Spotlight on South Africa

This culturally rich evening featured a tasting of four carefully selected wines from South Africa, alongside a tray of biltong, cumin gouda and corn bread, and a musical accompaniment by a Kei McGregor's Trio (trumpet, guitar and drums). Thanks to the commentary provided by **Cyril Meidinger, DipWSET, specialist on South African wines**, the public discovered the richness of this country's winemaking regions, their geographical attributes, and the variety of styles produced. The tasting comprised the following selection:

- 2023 Monday's Child Chenin Blanc by McFarlane Wines to showcase the country's most-planted grape
- 2022 Leopards Leap Special Edition Pinotage to honor the 100th anniversary of South Africa's emblematic red grape
- 2017 Glenelly Estate Reserve in honor of the French affinity and Lady May de Lencqesaing's 100th birthday
- 2014 Groot Constantia, this historic and renown wine that constituted an indispensable part of the evening



PROSPECTS AND RECOMMANDATIONS FOR 2026

REMAINING STOCK AT DARTESS : 18 BOTTLES

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General Trends

- **Red wines remain the most popular style** at the Belvédère, reflecting the general preference of our visitors
- **Growing interest in fresher wines**, particularly sparkling wines, showing a clear trend
- **Rising curiosity for native and atypical grape varieties**, as well as original blends
- **Increasing awareness of winemaking practices**, with a particular focus on organic and biodynamic wines
- **Growing curiosity and popularity** among French visitors for international wines, including **South African** wines.

Recommendations for 2026 :

We would recommend the delivery of **1500 - 2000 bottles**

- 80% medium-range wines for the Belvédère
- 20% premium-range wines for workshops and events

Recommended styles :

- **Reds (50%)** : Mostly, light to medium bodied red wines with a sustainable approach complemented by a selection of richer styles to showcase during wine and food pairing workshops and events
- **Whites (30%)** : dominated by crisp, fresh and aromatic expressions with a few oaky styles to present to workshops and wine events
- **Cape Classic Sparkling wines (15%)** : from bone-dry to dry styles due to the growing trend
- **Dessert wines or fortified wines (5%)**

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