



IDIOM

WINES OF CHARACTER

STELLENBOSCH

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CATALOGUE

BOTTEGA FAMILY WINE GROUP
Stellenbosch, South Africa



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IDIOM

Idiom is an award-winning range of wines from the Bottega family's vineyards, located in the southernmost part of the Stellenbosch wine region. The site is coastal and overlooks False Bay.

Nestling at the foot of majestic granite mountains, the slopes vary in height from 200 to 350 metres above sea level and have aspects which face north, west and south. The terroir contains decomposed granite, which is relatively shallow and stony in patches, with a clay base.

Idiom is renowned for its cult-followed, iconic regional blends that have garnered local and international acclaim having secured their position as some of the best expressions of regional blends from the Cape. Idiom also produces small batch, single cultivar renditions of Italian and Mediterranean grape varietals, all uniquely expressed in a Cape idiom.

The majestic granite mountains, proximity to the cool Atlantic Ocean and windswept, low-yielding vineyards define the terroir and the wines that are available at Idiom.

Idiom's contemporary dining restaurant, conceptualized by Alberto and Roberto Bottega, mirrors South Africa's unique positioning in the world of wine, fusing Old World classically-styled Roman arches and stone clad porticos and supporting a contemporary New World timber pavilion and concrete wine tasting cube.



NEW RELEASE

IDIOM
AMPHITHEATRE
of
DREAMS
CAPE RED

Idiom is set in a breathtaking natural amphitheatre in the southernmost reaches of Stellenbosch. Towering granitic peaks stand guard over fynbos nature reserves and cultivated rolling hills which descend dramatically into the Atlantic Ocean at nearby False Bay.

This deliciously drinkable Idiom Cape Red blend, made from SA's most popular varieties celebrates the beauty and diversity of this inspirational setting. Pinotage and Merlot offer roundness and red fruit. Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc provide spice, structure and balance, while a touch of Petit Verdot & Mourvèdre adds inkiness, intensity and interest.

CULTIVARS

Merlot
Pinotage
Cabernet Sauvignon
Shiraz
Cabernet Franc
Petit Verdot
Mourvèdre

ORIGIN

Stellenbosch, South Africa



IDIOM HERITAGE SERIES

These wines are the embodiment of the European heritage of the Bottega family who own the Da Capo Vineyards. Exceptional quality but perfect for drinking every day.

IDIOM BIANCO DI STELLENBOSCH

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

PINOT GRIGIO (100%)

Light straw in colour with a delicate orange blossom and aromatic nose. Elegant mouthfeel with flavours of passion fruit, green melon and stone fruits. This vibrant, medium-bodied wine with a well-structured mid-palate showcases the potential of Pinot Grigio from South Africa. Delicious drinking wine for aperitivo, antipasto and seafood.

IDIOM ROSSO DI STELLENBOSCH

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

SANGIOVESE & BARBERA

A lively, medium-bodied red wine with notes of red cherries and raspberries. Delicate oaking in 2nd fill and older barrels contributes to both fruity and savoury notes continuing on the palate. A beautiful, aromatic expression of this cultivar with good acidity and plenty of potential. A perfect match for antipasto or Italian-style meat and pasta dishes.



IDIOM SINGLE VARIETALS

Idiom's vineyards consist of over 20 different cultivars, providing a unique and direct comparison between the famous French wines of Bordeaux and Rhone and Italian wines of Tuscany and Piedmont – but expressed in the Cape terroir.



IDIOM SMALL BATCH SINGLE VARIETAL WINES

Structured Signature Whites with Depth & Elegance.

IDIOM SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

SAUVIGNON BLANC (100%)

A delicate and complex barrel fermented Sauvignon Blanc. Lime yellow in colour. Inviting notes of orange blossoms and white pepper with hints of red grapefruit and dried herbs. A flinty, chalky, textured wine with hints of granite and a soft acidity and good length. Riper whiffs of dried apricot and candied sweets complete this interesting and unusual picture.

IDIOM SEMILLON

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

SEMILLON (100%)

A complex, medium to full bodied example of barrel fermented Semillon. Delicate custard and subtle lime- cordial aromas with notes of musk and white spices. A voluptuous, waxy mid-palate with hints of asparagus, white pepper and biscuit reveal Semillon's zesty, rich character and inherent structure. A wine that will benefit from cellaring and a definite food companion. Enjoy with scallops, white meats, or dishes with cream sauces.

IDIOM VIOGNIER

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

VIOGNIER (100%)

An opulent, barrel-fermented Viognier with a typical light straw colour. Initial top notes of yellow citrus fruits develop into a complex melange of tinned peach, shortbread and chamomile on the nose. This medium to full-bodied wine has an elegant, buttery mid palate followed by a lingering sensation of nougat and orange blossoms. Serve chilled and enjoy the evolution of flavours in the glass. Try with veal, pork and roast chicken.



IDIOM SMALL BATCH SINGLE VARIETAL WINES

Regional Reds - Sommeliers Selection

IDIOM BARBERA

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

BARBERA (100%)

A rich and dark barbera from low yielding Stellenbosch vineyards. Deep red in appearance. This distinguished wine exhibits typical varietal aromas of dark cherries, plums and leather with delicate hints of raspberries. Complexity and elegance are hallmarks of this vintage. Try this versatile wine with rich dishes like tagliatelle ragu, mushroom pasta, dark red meats or root vegetables.

IDIOM GRENACHE

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

GRENACHE (100%)

An elegant medium-bodied grenache noir styled for lovers of lighter reds. Fresh and floral on the nose with herbal notes of mint, rosemary and hints of caramel. Vibrant cranberry and raspberry fruits combine with an iron-rich minerality to dominate the palate. A wine with rolling red notes and a long, lingering finish. Perfect for summer drinking.

IDIOM SANGIOVESE

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

SANGIOVESE (100%)

This modern and elegant Stellenbosch Sangiovese presents a perfumed nose and captivating mouthfeel. Initial vibrant red cherry nose is enhanced by spicy clove and vanilla pod notes reminiscent of thinly cut Prosciutto. Complex but delicate granitic, tomato leaf and cinnamon notes intertwine on the palate with savoury spices to enhance the sweet and sour profile of Sangiovese. A silky, well-balanced wine to treasure and enjoy. Try with pork belly and Fiorentina steak.

IDIOM ZINFANDEL

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

ZINFANDEL (100%)

Silky and spicy. This elegant, medium-bodied expression of Stellenbosch Zinfandel, also known as Primitivo, exhibits a superb power-to-weight ratio. Aromas of raspberry and bay leaf dominate the nose. An effortless entry leads to an explosive revolving tray of sage, tobacco leaf and cranberry flavours combining gracefully on the palate. A versatile and refreshing wine with an attractive long finish. Try with Karoo lamb, BBQ ribs, sushi and wasabi, or grilled vegetables.

IDIOM BLENDS SERIES

*Iconic and multi-award winning signature Idiom Regional Blends.
Trusted For Consistent Excellence. Collected by wine connoisseurs.
A series of signature blends focusing on regional expressions.*



IDIOM 'B' BORDICON BLEND

(Cabernet Sauvignon Dominant)

CABERNET SAUVIGNON (57%), MERLOT (19%), CABERNET FRANC (10%), PETIT VERDOT (10%) AND MALBEC (4%)

Full and complex. A multi clone blend of five noble varietals. Explosive and evolving aromas of dark ripe plums, tea leaf and cigar box are followed by hints of pencil shavings, tobacco and trademark cassis character. A serious, tightly packed wine with a long lingering finish. A collectors wine of great pedigree. Decanting advised. Try with roast lamb, venison, duck breast or beef dishes.

PEDIGREE:

2018 Vintage:

- Top 10 in South Africa at the Prescient Cape Bordeaux Red Blend Report 2023 - 93 points
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2021 - Double Gold
- Michelangelo Awards 2021 - Gold
- Decanter World Wine Awards 2021 - 91 Points - Silver

2016 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2021 - Double Gold

2015 Vintage:

- Michelangelo Awards 2019 – National Trophy for best in SA
- Sommeliers Selection 2018 – Stand Out
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2018 – 93 points
- Decanter World Wine Awards 2019 – 96 points



IDIOM 'R' RODANICO BLEND (Shiraz Dominant)

SHIRAZ (87%), MOURVÈDRE (10%) AND VIOGNIER (3%)

A juicy, medium-bodied blend of Shiraz, Mourvèdre and Viognier. Aromas of sweet spices, cape flora, violets and granite. Tantalizing flavours of dark cherry, smoked charcuterie and black pepper dance on the palate. Salivating velvety tannins and a long elegant finish are hallmarks of this very drinkable vintage. Serve with wild boar or other venison dishes for a special pairing.

PEDIGREE:

2018 Vintage:

- Decanter World Wine Awards 2022 - 92 Points
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2021 - Double Gold

2016 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2021 – Double Gold
- Decanter World Wine Awards 2021 - Silver
- Tim Atkin SA report 2021 – 91 Points

2015 Vintage:

- Shiraz Challenge 2020 – Shiraz Blend Finalist
- International Wine & Spirits Challenge 2017 – Gold
- Decanter World Wine Awards 2019 – Double Gold
- Michelangelo Awards 2020 – Gold



IDIOM 'C' CAPE BLEND

(Pinotage Dominant)

PINOTAGE (43%), CABERNET SAUVIGNON (29%), MERLOT (19%),
PETIT VERDOT (9%)

A velvety opulent wine made with the Cape's own grape Pinotage blended with noble varieties. Rich and intriguing aromas and flavours with exploding layers of red fruits with notes of ripe plums, red velvet cake and tobacco. Soft tannins, balance and complexity are hallmarks of this uniquely South African. Fantastic with signature steakhouse cuts or Malay curries.

PEDIGREE

2018 Vintage:

- Perold ABSA Cape Blend Competition 2021 - Winner
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2021 - Double Gold
- Sommeliers Choice Awards USA 2023 - 88 points
- Turkish Wine Challenge 2023 - Gold

2016 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2021 - Double Gold

2015 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2019 - 93 points
- Perold ABSA Cape Blend Competition 2017 - Winner Top 5 in SA

2014 Vintage:

- Perold ABSA Cape Blend Competition 2016 - Winner Top 5 in SA

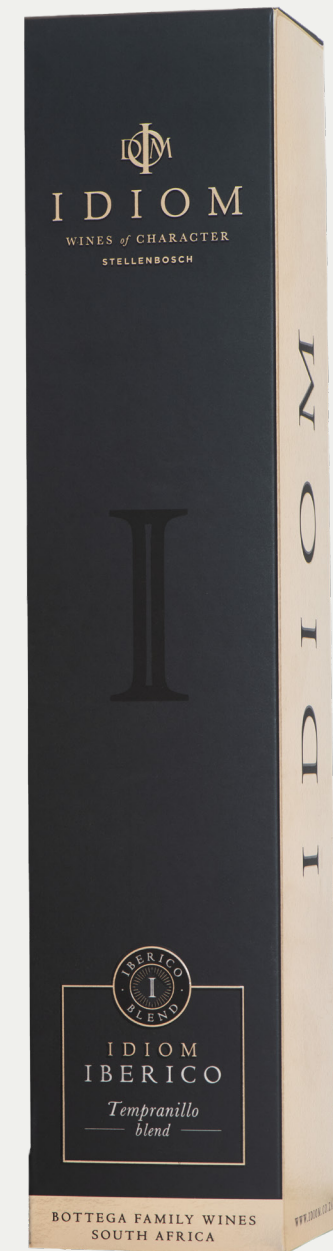


IDIOM 'I' IBERICO BLEND

(Tempranillo Dominant)

TEMPRANILLO (50%), MONASTRELL (25%), CARINENA (25%).

An elegant, medium-bodied Iberian inspired blend. Dark and broody on the nose with blackberry, rosemary and hints of violets and black peppercorns. Red cherry and an iron-rich minerality (derived from clay and granite rich soils) dominate the palate. A wine with rolling red and black notes and a long, lingering finish.



IDIOM *Ultra Rare* 900 SERIES

Named after the limited number of bottles in each collection, the Idiom 900 Series is a rare expression of 900 bottles or less. Each bottle is carefully selected to express the best of Idiom and which warrant special appreciation.

CULTIVARS

Barbera
Nebbiolo
Merlot
Pinotage
Cabernet Sauvignon
Syrah
Cabernet Franc
Petit Verdot

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