



IDIOM

WINES OF CHARACTER

STELLENBOSCH

2026 CATALOGUE

BOTTEGA FAMILY WINE GROUP
Stellenbosch, South Africa



IDIOM BLENDS SERIES

Idiom Amphitheatre of Dreams Cape Red

Idiom 'C' Cape Blend

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IDIOM STRUCTURED WHITES

Idiom Semillon

Idiom Viognier

IDIOM SINGLE VARIETIES

Idiom Zinfandel



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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 varieties, 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 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 'C' CAPE BLEND

(Pinotage Dominant)

PINOTAGE (34%), CABERNET SAUVIGNON (32%), MERLOT (17%)
CABERNET FRANC (17%)

A velvety opulent wine made with the Cape's own grape pinotage blended with noble varieties. Rich and intriguing aromas of vibrant red and black fruits on the nose. Ripe plums, red velvet cake and tobacco dominate the palate. Soft tannins, complexity, balance and a long finish are hallmarks of this uniquely South African wine. Fantastic with signature steakhouse cuts.

PEDIGREE

2022 Vintage:

- Perold ABSA Cape Blend Competition 2025 - Winner - Top 6 in SA

2021 Vintage:

- Tim Atkin Report - 91 Points

2020 Vintage:

- John Platter 2025 - 4 Stars

2019 Vintage:

- Fine Wine Awards 2024 - Silver - 91 Points

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
- John Platter 2023 - 4 Stars

2016 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2021 - Double Gold



IDIOM 'R' RODANICO BLEND (Shiraz Dominant)

SHIRAZ (86%), MOURVÈDRE (10%), VIOGNIER (4%)

A juicy, medium-bodied blend of shiraz, mourvèdre and viognier. Aromas of sweet spices, cape flora, violets and granite. Tantalising 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 wine. Serve with wild boar or other venison dishes for a special pairing.

PEDIGREE:

2022 Vintage:

- Red Blends Challenge 2025 - Gold

2021 Vintage:

- Michelangelo Awards 2024 – Gold

2020 Vintage:

- John Platter 2025 - 4 Stars - 90 Points

2018 Vintage:

- Decanter World Wine Awards 2022 - 92 Points
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2021 - Double Gold
- John Platter 2023 - 4 Stars

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



IDIOM 'B' BORDICON BLEND

(Cabernet Sauvignon Dominant)

CABERNET SAUVIGNON (60%), MERLOT (20%), CABERNET FRANC (13%), PETIT VERDOT (5%), MALBEC (2%)

Fresh, full and complex. A multi-clone blend of five noble varietals. Explosive and evolving aromas of ripe red currants, tea leaf and cigar box are followed by hints of cinnamon, tobacco and trademark cassis character. A serious, tightly packed wine with a long lingering finish. A wine of great pedigree that will reward cellaring. Decanting recommended.

PEDIGREE:

2022 Vintage:

- Red Blends Challenge 2025 - Gold
- John Platter 2025 - 4,5 Stars - 94 Points

2021 Vintage:

- Michelangelo Awards 2024 - Double Gold

2020 Vintage:

- John Platter 2023 - 4.5 Stars

2018 Vintage:

- Top 10 in South Africa at the Prescient Cape Bordeaux Red Blend Report 2023 - 93 points
- John Platter 2023 - 4.5 Stars - 94 Points
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2021 - Double Gold
- Michelangelo Awards 2021 - Gold

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 SINGLE VARIETIES

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 and Elegance.

IDIOM VIOGNIER

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

VIOGNIER (100%)

Velvety and versatile. A fresh, textured and complex barrel fermented viognier to savour. Initial top notes of yellow citrus fruits develop into a melange of shortbread, white peach and chamomile aromas on the nose. A creamy mid-palate with layers of nougat and orange blossom. Serve chilled and enjoy the evolution of flavours in the glass. The ultimate pairing wine with shellfish, seafood, veal, pork, roast chicken or curried Malay dishes.

PEDIGREE

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- John Platter 2025 - 4,5 Stars

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- Tim Atkin Report 2024 - 93 points
- John Platter 2025 - 4 Stars

2019 Vintage:

- John Platter 2023 - 4 Stars



IDIOM SEMILLON

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

SEMILLON (100%)

A fresher, greener take on this part barrel-fermented Idiom Semillon. Ethereal perfume of lemon and lime zest and saline notes combine with aromas of yellow custard, vanilla and white spices on the nose. Hints of green apple, pear, white peach, stone fruit and biscuit on the palate evolve into semillon's typical textured mouthfeel. A wine that will definitely develop more structure from cellaring. A definite food companion. Serve Chilled.

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IDIOM ZINFANDEL

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ZINFANDEL (100%)

This silky and elegant medium-bodied expression of Stellenbosch Zinfandel exhibits superb power-to-weight ratio. Aromas of dried yellow sultans and rosemary dominate the nose. An effortless entry leads to an explosive, revolving tray of dried sage, aniseed and cranberry flavours combining gracefully on the palate. A versatile and refreshing wine with a long, attractive finish. Try with Karoo lamb, BBQ ribs, sushi and wasabi, or grilled vegetables.

PEDIGREE

2020 Vintage:

- Fine Wine Awards 2024 - 89 Points

2019 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2024 - Double Gold





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