



IDIOM

WINES OF CHARACTER

STELLENBOSCH

2026 CATALOGUE

BOTTEGA FAMILY WINE GROUP
Stellenbosch, South Africa



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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.



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AMPHITHEATRE
of
DREAMS

CAPE RED

Pinotage and Merlot offer roundness and red fruit. Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon provide spice, structure and balance. A youthful red with vibrant purple hues and a deep plum core. Aromas of ripe raspberry, blackcurrant and a touch of cinnamon spice lead into bright flavours of cranberry and subtle vanilla on the palate. Firm yet juicy tannins provide structure, while the finish is long, smooth and velvety.

CULTIVARS

Merlot (31%)

Pinotage (26%)

Cabernet Sauvignon (22%)

Shiraz (21%)

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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 (40%), CABERNET SAUVIGNON (38%), MERLOT (11%),
CABERNET FRANC (11%)

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 dark 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

2022 Vintage:

- National Wine Challenge 2026 - Top 100 - Double Platinum
- Perold ABSA Cape Blend Competition 2025 - Winner - Top 6 in SA

2020 Vintage:

- John Platter 2025 - 4 Stars

2018 Vintage:

- Perold ABSA Cape Blend Competition 2021 - Winner
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2021 - Double Gold
- John Platter 2023 - 4 Stars

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



IDIOM 'R' RODANICO BLEND

(Shiraz Dominant)

SHIRAZ (74%), MOURVÉDRE (23%), VIOGNIER (3%).

A medium to full-bodied blend of Shiraz, Mourvedre and Viognier. Aromas of musk, lavender and granite. Tantalizing flavours of savoury plums and white pepper dance on the palate. Smooth velvety tannins and a long rich finish make for an elegant wine with real promise.

PEDIGREE:

2022 Vintage:

- National Wine Challenge 2026 - Double Gold
- Michelangelo Awards 2026 - Gold
- National Red Blends Challenge 2025 - Gold

2021 Vintage:

- Michelangelo Awards 2024 – Gold

2020 Vintage:

- John Platter 2025 - 4 Stars

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



IDIOM 'B' BORDICON BLEND

(Bordeaux-Style Blend | Cabernet Sauvignon Dominant)

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

Full and complex. A multi-clone blend of five noble varietals. Explosive and evolving aromas of dark ripe red 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 wine of great pedigree that will reward cellaring. Decanting recommended.

PEDIGREE:

2022 Vintage:

- Global Cabernet Sauvignon Masters 2026 - Gold
- National Wine Challenge 2026 - Top 100 - Double Platinum
- Decanter World Wine Awards 2026 - 95 Points - Gold
- National Red Blends Challenge 2025 - Gold

2021 Vintage:

- Michelangelo Awards 2024 - Double Gold
- Tim Atkin Report 2024 - 92 Points
- National Red Blends Challenge 2025 - 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
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2021 - Double Gold
- Michelangelo Awards 2021 - Gold
- Decanter World Wine Awards 2021 - 91 Points - Silver



IDIOM 'I' IBERICO BLEND

(Tempranillo Dominant)

GARNACHA (33%), CARINENA (33%), MONASTRELL (17%),
TEMPRANILLO (17%)

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. It is a wine with rolling red and black notes and a long, lingering finish. Pair simply with jamon, pork, poultry and barbeque dishes.

PEDIGREE

2022 Vintage:

- National Wine Challenge 2026 - Double gold

2021 Vintage:

- Tim Atkin Report - 92 points

2020 Vintage:

- John Platter 2025 - 4 stars



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

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VIOGNIER (100%)

Velvety and versatile. An elegant, barrel fermented Viognier with a typical light, straw colour. Initial top notes of passionfruit develop into a delicate mélange of white pear and rosewater on the nose. Mineral, orange blossom and nougat notes linger on the palate. 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

2024 Vintage:

- Michelangelo Awards 2026 - Gold
- International Wine Challenge 2026 - Top 100

2022 Vintage:

- Tim Atkin Report 2025 - 91 Points
- John Platter 2025 - 4,5 stars

2021 Vintage:

- John Platter 2025 - 4,5 Stars



IDIOM SEMILLON

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

SEMILLON (100%)

A fresh, 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 waxy textured mouthfeel. A wine that will develop more structure from cellaring. A definite food companion. Enjoy with scallops, white meats, or dishes with cream sauces. Enjoy chilled.

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2023 Vintage

- Gilbert & Gaillard 2026 - Double Gold

2024 Vintage

- Gilbert & Gaillard 2026 - Double Gold





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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.

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2020 Vintage:

- Fine Wine Awards 2024 - 89 Points

2019 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2024 - Double Gold





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