

## ROBERTSON WINERY - VINEYARD SELECTION

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SOUTH AFRICAN

WINES

2006



**Outstanding**



**Excellent**



**Very Good**



**Characterful**



**Good everyday  
drinking**

★★★★☆ **No 1 Constitution Road Shiraz:** Cellar's standard bearer, named after the Robertson street address. **2002** spicy & abundantly-fruited; loaded with potential - though latest **2003** probably more so, given the quality of the vintage; same broad sweep of aromas/flavors (black cherry to Karoo scrub), same spirited oak-ing (2 years new French), but better honed, more refined. Wild yeast ferment.

★★★★☆ **Phanto Ridge Pinotage:** Graceful & elegant expression of the often unruly grape. **2004** sweet damson fruit, banana whiff, flavourful & supple. From single vineyard owned by Rupert de Vines One year oak, twenty percent American.

★★★★☆ **Wolfkloof Shiraz:** Maiden **2002** excellent ripe shiraz; full & very rotund; comforting. Follow-up **2003** also striking yet finer, more elegant, similarly huge but balanced alcohol, generous harmonious oak.

★★★☆☆ **Prospect Hill Cabernet Sauvignon:** Warm country cab with generous build. **02** ripe, meaty aromas, quite individual. **03** last year unfolded slowly in the glass to reveal more refined wine; real summer pudding mélange, generous ripe tannins & vanilla oak.

★★★★☆ **Kings River Chardonnay:** Gentle white peach wafts belied quite a forceful barrel-fermented **04**. Layered with lime & lees, butterscotch & fudge. Well focused & packaged. Probably could go another few years.

★★★☆☆ **Retreat Sauvignon Blanc:** Grapes from eponymous farm owned by Jac de Wet. **05** one of their best; effusive super-ripe fruit with flinty spark, beefy & broad but balanced.

★★★★☆ **Almond Grove Riesling Noble Late Harvest:** The original NLH in this line up from the eponymous farm, **03** genteel & understated—and all the better for it; beautiful sugar/acid balance; 10.5% alc.