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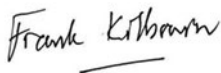
Introduction

It is no secret that South Africa is undergoing a fine wine renaissance. Clearly the time is right to elevate South Africa's finest wines – both old and new – to the same level of collectability as northern hemisphere wines, as well as professionalise their availability via a transparent auction platform.

Strauss & Co's Fine South African Wine Auction is a joint venture with top sommelier Higgs Jacobs and online wine merchant, Wine Cellar, both recognised industry leaders. The aim of the curated sale is simple: to present prospective buyers and collectors with a meticulously sourced catalogue of rare and esteemed South African wines. The auction process offers a transparent, structured and sustainable model for affirming the status of our very finest wines.

Each sale will be underpinned by the application of strict criteria with regard to quality, provenance and rarity. Our inaugural auction, which features 183 lots, includes a 4 x 6-bottle lots of Kanonkop Paul Sauer 2015, the first local wine to receive a perfect score in British wine judge Tim Atkin's annual report on the South African wine industry. The sale also includes rare and mysterious GS 1966 Cabernet, created by George Spies and given a perfect score from wine critic Jancis Robinson.

This new venture is a natural fit for Strauss & Co, which has earned its reputation as South Africa's foremost auction house through diligence, passion and innovation. On the subject of passion, family aside, my two great loves are art and wine. I am excited to participate in the process of championing our remarkable wines. I have no doubt that Strauss & Co's Fine South African Wine Auction will play a key role in securing their collectability, now and into the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Kitzmann". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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Higgs Jacobs's experience in the wine industry spans over 20 years, starting with doing harvests in Stellenbosch in 1998 and '99, before being interrupted by a law degree from the University of Stellenbosch. He has experience on either side of the cellar door, first as winemaker's assistant, then in marketing and sales. Relocating to the UK in 2007, he cut his teeth on the wines of the world, working with highly respected importer Anthony Byrne Fine Wines and later managing the Notting Hill branch in London of award-winning wine merchant Jeroboams. While abroad, he studied with the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET) and certified with the Court of Master Sommeliers.

Higgs returned to South Africa in 2008 in the role of resident sommelier at the Steenberg Hotel, after which he began consulting to the industry. He now works with various establishments on their wine programs, driving a variety of projects ranging from annual fine wine events and auctions, to sommelier education and competitions. He is often asked to represent South African wines on local and international platforms. Higgs is a senior judge at the International Wine Challenge (IWC) and Decanter World Wine Awards and was also on the jury at the ASI Best Sommelier of the World competition this year in Antwerp. He is a founding member and past chairman of the South African Sommelier Association (SASA), which does training and development for the profession in South Africa, as well as a member of the by-laws committee of the ASI (Association de la Sommellerie Internationale), the international regulatory body for the sommelier profession.

Wine Specialists – Roland Peens



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Studying economics at the University of Stellenbosch meant that Roland was surrounded by wine. He gave in to its lures and, as soon as he had finished his BComm degree, he found his way into the industry. Roland worked in marketing, retail, exports and as a sommelier before joining Wine Cellar, which started trading in 2001. Roland has been a director of Wine Cellar since 2005. As one of South Africa's foremost importers and retailers of fine wine, Wine Cellar focuses on the traditional regions of Europe as well as on South Africa's finest wines. Wine Cellar leads the industry in offering the biggest allocations of South Africa's most sought-after wines. As a cellaring operation, Wine Cellar manages 800 private customers and some 300 000 bottles, constituting, most likely, the largest collection of fine wine in South Africa. Wine Cellar has also helped develop the secondary market in South Africa by identifying and brokering vintage local and international wines. Two investment portfolios were launched in 2018, adding 20 000 bottles of fine wine to the future secondary market.

Local and international study, as well as regular travel, have added to Roland's extensive insight into the wine world. You will find Roland at most of South Africa's top wine events, judging, learning and exploring the world of wine, forever expanding his palate. Roland has also been a taster for Platter's Guide, Winemag.com and the Nederburg Auction, and participated in the world wine tasting championships in Bordeaux in 2013.

Higgo Jacobs

'It is a very rare occurrence for the curators of any assembly of wines to be allowed to dream. To have no constraints when considering the most desirable wines possible from the historically rich and presently diverse Cape. In opening, for the first time in South Africa, the trading platform to recognised private collections, we gain access to those unicorn wines that wine lovers whisper about having tasted on golden occasions. The concept of South Africa's finest is a fluid and dynamic one. Future auctions have more of the Cape's riches in waiting. New icons are in the making, current ones become more rare. This is only a first stab, a cross section, but ultimately an offering of which we are immensely proud.'

Roland Prens

'The inaugural Strauss & Co Fine Wine auction offers an incredible array of South Africa's best from 1800 to 2018. It is by no means a definitive line-up, but includes the only three perfect scored wines ever from South Africa in GS Cabernet 1966, Chateau Libertas 1957 and Kanonkop Paul Sauer 2015. There is also a treasure of top-class, perfectly matured reds along with collectors' items and very rare wines from niche producers. We are hugely excited about offering both modern and classic producers on the secondary market.'

Provenance Definitions

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| Producer | Lot is sourced directly from the producer's cellars |
| Wine Cellar | Lot has been stored since release in Wine Cellar's professional cellars at optimum conditions |
| Private Client | Lot has been sourced from a private client's cellar. Rigorous tasting and vetting has been performed by Higgo Jacobs and the Wine Cellar team |
| Special Cellar | Lot has been stored at legendary private or commercial cellars |

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