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WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR 2025



DINERS CLUB WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR: HALL OF FAME...

1981	Innovative Wines	WALTER FINLAYSON	Blaauwklippen	Zinfandel 1980
1982	Cabernet Sauvignon	WALTER FINLAYSON	Blaauwklippen	Cabernet Sauvignon 1980
1983	Rhine Riesling	GUNTER BROZEL	Nederburg	Rhine Riesling 1983
1984	Sauvignon Blanc	MANIE ROSSOUW	Eersterivier	Sauvignon Blanc 1984
1985	Dessert Wine	GUNTER BROZEL	Nederburg	Gewurztraminer 1985
1986	Wood-aged White	SIDNEY BACK	Backsberg	Chardonnay 1985
1987	Pinotage	BEYERS TRUTER	Kanonkop	Pinotage 1985
1988	Muscadel	WILHELM LINDE	Nuy	White Muscadel 1985
1989	Pinot Noir	PETER FINLAYSON	Hamilton Russell	Pinot Noir 1986
1990	Special Late Harvest	ANDRE BRUWER	Bon Courage	Gewurztraminer SLH 1989
1991	Cape Riesling	WILHELM LINDE	Nuy	Riesling 1991
1992	Merlot	JEAN DANEEL	Buitenverwachting	Reserve Merlot 1991
1993	Chardonnay	DANIE DE WET	De Wetshof	Chardonnay Finesse 1993
1994	Bordeaux-style Red	GYLES WEBB	Thelema	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 1992
1995	Cap Classique	NICKY KRONE	Twee Jonge Gezellen	Krone Borealis Brut 1993
1996	Cabernet Sauvignon	GYLES WEBB	Thelema	Cabernet Sauvignon 1994
1997	Sauvignon Blanc	JEFF GRIER	Villiera	Bush Vine Sauvignon Blanc 1994
1998	Shiraz	DANIE MALAN	Allesverloren	Shiraz 1996
1999	Cape Blend	RONEL WIID	Hazendal	Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 1998
2000	Port	PAUL DE VILLIERS	Landskroon	Port 1997
2001	Chenin Blanc	TEDDY HALL	Kanu	Chenin Blanc 2001
2002	Pinotage	DANIE DE WAAL	Uiterwyk De Waal	Top of the Hill 2001
2003	Semillon	JOHN LOUBSER	Steenberg	Constantia Uitsig Reserve Semillon 2002
2004	Cap Classique	PIETER FERREIRA	Graham Beck	Brut Blanc de Blancs 1999
2005	Merlot	CARL SCHULTZ	Hartenberg	Merlot 2004
2006	Chardonnay	GOTTFRIED MOCKE	Chamonix	Reserve Chardonnay 2005
2007	Shiraz	MARC KENT	Boekenshoutskloof	Syrah 2005
2009	Cabernet Sauvignon	COENIE SNYMAN	Rust en Vrede	Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
2010	Sauvignon Blanc	BARTHO EKSTEEN	Hermanuspietersfontein	Sauvignon Blanc 2009 Nr.5
2011	Bordeaux-style Red Blend	JOHAN JORDAAN	Spier	Creative Block 5 2009
2012	Unfortified Dessert Wine	RAZVAN MACICI	Nederburg	Nederburg Private Bin Eminence Noble Late Harvest Muscadel 2007
2013	Non Bordeaux	CHRISTIAAN GROENEWALD	Eagle's Cliff	Arendskloof Tannat Syrah Voetspore 2011
2014	White Blends	JACQUES ERASMUS	Spier	Creative Block No.2 2014
2015	Non-Varietal Red Blends (excl shiraz)	JOHANN FOURIE	KWV	The Mentors Pinotage 2013
2016	Chenin Blanc	PIERRE WAHL	RIJKS CELLAR	Private Cellar Chenin Blanc 2015
2017	Pinotage	CHRISTIAAN GROENEWALD	Eagle's Cliff	Arendskloof Pinotage 2017
2018	Chardonnay	CLAYTON REABOW	Môreson	Mercator Chardonnay 2017
2019	Pinot Noir	DANIEL KEULDER	Nitida	Nitida Pinot Noir 2017
2020	Cap Classique	JOHAN MALAN	Simonsig	Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel Brut 2015
2021	Bordeaux Style Red Blends	JUSTIN VAN WYK	Constantia Glen	Constantia Glen Five 2017
2022	Sauvignon Blanc	CONRAD VLOK	Strandveld Wines	Poffaderbos 2021
2023	Shiraz	TERTIUS BOSHOF	Stellenrust-ArtiSons Family Winery	ArtiSons Blueberry Hill 2020
2024	Chenin Blanc	KIARA SCOTT FARMER	Brookdale Estate	Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2022
2025	Cabernet Sauvignon	COENIE SNYMAN	Rock of Eye Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon 2022



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2001	Dry White (unfortified)	HENRI SWIEGERS	Slanghoek	Noble Late Harvest 2001
2002	Dry Red (unfortified)	BOELA GERBER	Groot Constantia	Merlot 2001
2003	Dry White (unfortified)	IVY DU TOIT	Jason's Hill	Sauvignon Blanc 2003
2004	Dry Red (unfortified)	JOHAN NESENBEREND	For My Friends	Shiraz 2002
2005	Dry White (unfortified)	JOHAN KRUGER	Sterhuis	Chardonnay 2004
2006	Dry Red (unfortified)	FRANCOIS AGENBAG	Mountain Ridge	Seven Oaks 6+1 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2004
2007	Dry White (unfortified)	RUTH PENFOLD	Steenberg	Semillon 2007
2008	Dry Red (unfortified)	OSSIE SAUERMAN	La Vigne	Single Vineyard Shiraz 2007
2009	Dry White (unfortified)	CLAYTON REABOW	Môreson	Premium Chardonnay 2007
2010	Dry Red (unfortified)	RJ BOTHA	Nitida	Calligraphy 2009
2011	Dry White (unfortified)	MATTHEW VAN HEERDEN	Uva Mira	Chardonnay 2009
2012	Dry Red (unfortified)	ANRI TRUTER	Beyerskloof	Beyerskloof Diesel Pinotage 2010
2013	Dry White (Unfortified)	MURRAY BARLOW	Rustenberg	Rustenberg Chardonnay 2012
2014	Dry Red	JD PRETORIUS	Steenberg	Steenberg Merlot 2012
2015	Dry White Red	PHILIP VILJOEN	Bon Courage	Noble Late Harvest 2015 RM
2016	Wines	MURRAY BARLOW	Rustenberg	Nicholson 2015
2017	White Wines	WADE ROGER-LUND	Jordan	Jordan Blanc de Blancs MCC 2015
2018	Red Wine (Unfortified)	RÜDGER VAN WYK	Stark-Condé	Stellenbosch Syrah 2016
2019	White Wines	HERMAN DU PREEZ	Stellenrust	The Apprentice White Cinsault 2018
2020	Red Wine	PHILLIP THERON	Glen Carlou	Glen Carlou Collection Tanat 2018
2021	White Wine	HERMAN DU PREEZ	Stellenrust	The Apprentice White Cincault 2020
2022	Red Wines	JEROME VAN ROOI	Cederberg	Five Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2020
2023	White Wine	NONGCEBO LANGA	Delheim Wines	Gewurztraminer 2022
2024	Red Wine	MIKA ENGELBRECHT	Neethlingshof Estate	Estate Range Cabernet
2025	White Wine	MARNICH AUCAMP	Stellenbosch Vineyards	Marnich's Credo Cenin Blanc 2025