



# BOTANICA

WINES

## South Africa 2018

### Special Report

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Botanica The Mary Delany Collection **Chenin Blanc 2017**

*Citrusdal Mountain (14%)*

The characterful Henk Laing supplies the grapes for this world class Chenin Blanc from Citrusdal Mountain. Focused, pithy, taut and intense, with very subtle oak, pear and Brae-burn apple and an incredible, lip-smacking mineral core. 2019-28



Botanica The Mary Delany Collection **Semillon 2017**

*Elgin (14%)*

The Botanica Semillon comes from the Eikenhof farm in Elgin and is a step up from the 2016 release, partly because it had no malolactic. Fresh, tangy and herbal, it has dill and citrus notes and pithy citrus acidity. 2019-24



Botanica Big Flower **Merlot 2016**

*Stellenbosch (14.5%)*

Merlot seems to love the Merlot soils of this comparatively young, high density planted vineyard. Grassy, aromatic and sensitively oaked, it's a textured, savoury, well-balanced style with the structure to age. 2020-25



Botanica **Arboretum 2017**

*Stellenbosch (14.5%)*

Arboretum comes from Ginny Povall's home vineyard in Devon Valley and is a Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated Bordeaux style red blend. Grippy, serious and dense, with firm, layered tannins and youthful plum and damson fruit. 2020-28



Botanica The Mary Delany Collection **Pinot Noir 2017**

*Western Cape (13.7%)*

An unusual combination of Pinot Noir grapes from Devon Valley and the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, this is scented and appealing, showing a touch of new wood, some tannic grip and savory red berry and earthy notes. 2019-25