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WINE LIST

WHITE WINES

1. Ridgeback Vansha White 2003

(Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc)

Our House White, this is a very crisp, dry wine with loads of tropical fruit.

Sauvignon Blanc

2. Graham Beck Sauvignon Blanc 2004

Fresh grassy aroma on the nose and green pepper flavours on the palate. Well balanced fruit and acidity, ensuring a crisp elegant finish.

3. Meerlust Dalla Cia Sauvignon Blanc 2003

Elegant, unwooded wine with lashings of gooseberries, lots of fresh intensity and a lingering aftertaste.

4. Vergelegen Sauvignon Blanc 2003

The wine shows green fig, gooseberries, guava, cut grass, and minerally flavours. The taste is full and with a long lingering finish.

5. Warwick Professor Black Sauvignon Blanc 2003

The wine shows an abundance of tropical fruit, gooseberry and green fig flavours on the nose that carry through to the palette. The palette is rich and fruity with well balanced acid while the aftertaste is long and lingering with enough fruit to make you come back for more.

Chardonnay

6. Buitenverwachting Chardonnay 2002

Rich buttery flavoured wine with delightful lemon and lime flavours. A well-balanced wine with a long finish.

7. Longridge Chardonnay 2000

A classic Chardonnay with ripe citrus and subtle vanilla characteristics lead to a mouth-filling array of fruit with a superb structure and a long, complex finish.

8. Hamilton Russell Chardonnay 2002

Wonderfully expressive mineral-and-toast bouquet; bright fruit and fine thread of citrus evoking Burgundy's Puligny-Montrachet. Complex, long and very impressive.

9. Vergelegen Chardonnay 2002

Suave and sensual. Emollient lemon butter nose, beautifully measured ultra-long palate with perfect tension between citric fruit and toast butter, mineral core the base.

10. Warwick Chardonnay 2002

Tangy, lemon-lime nose with traces of pineapple and wine gums, supported by subtle oak. Full-bodied, up front palate with well balanced acidity.

11. De Meye Wooded Chardonnay 2003

Nose of lime citrus and ripe peach. Fresh lime on the pallet, balanced with soft wood tannins. A long finish with hints of peach and apple.

12. Glen Carlou Chardonnay 2001

Rich complex layers of New World fruit with leesy undertones set in a classic French style.

13. Dewetshof Chardonnay

A classical, lightly structured, steely dry wine with strong lemony, yeasty flavours and a lingering nutty aftertaste.

Chenin Blanc

14. Villiera Chenin Blanc

Bold Chenin blanc, fruity nose with good mouthfeel. Very gentle wood, with prominent gooseberry and vanilla flavours.

15. Beaumont Chenin Blanc 2003

Pale and attractive colour with green glints. Rich apricot and peach aromas and a palate of broad tropical fruit, fresh acidity and a rich long citrus finish.

Riesling

16. Buitenverwachting Rhine Riesling 2003

This wine shows typical Riesling character with fruit salad and spicy fragrance on the nose and a fresh acidity, rich mouthfeel and minerally palate.

17. Klein Constantia Rhine Riesling 2001

Intense lychee and floral aromas. Pronounced flavours of pineapple, grapefruit and confectionery are balanced by good acidity, leading to a spicy, dry finish.

Dry Blended Whites

19. Vergelegen Vin De Florence 2003 \$14.00
(Chenin Blanc, Rhine Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Muscat)
Fragrant, grapey nose, sultana sunshine with ginger spice intrigue. Clearly sweet but balanced.

20. Buitenverwachting Buiten Blanc 2003 \$16.00
(Sauvignon, Chenin, Rhine Riesling and Pinot Gris)
A dry, fruity and spicy dry wine with a floral and guava nose.

Rosé / Blanc de Noir

21. Boschendal Blanc de Noir 2003 \$18.00
The combination of Pinot Noir and Merlot imparts lovely fruit flavours, including ripe melon, to this versatile medium-dry wine.

22. Ashanti Sunset Hat Rose 2003 \$14.00
A brilliant coloured wine smelling of red berries and plum. It is a smooth, easy-drinking wine, yet has a fruity, lingering aftertaste.

23. Vrede en Lust JdS Barbere 2002 \$17.00
Unwooded dry noble rose. Floral notes with red fruits on the nose and a soft, fruity and round palate.

24. Arniston Bay Rose 2004 \$14.00
Lively strawberry and violet aromas combine with the fresh fruity taste to yield a light easy drinking wine.

RED WINES

30. Ridgeback Vansha Red 2003 \$14.00
(Cinsaut, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz) (or \$3.50
Our **House Red**, this wine is packed with plenty of fruit with a lingering finish that per glass)
leaves you wanting more.

Cabernet Sauvignon

31. Le Riche Cabernet Sauvignon 1999 \$31.00
This wine has a lovely tobacco spice nose, while ripe cassis is beautifully balanced
by oak on the palate.

32. Springfield Whole Berry Cabernet Sauvignon 2001 \$29.00
Whole Berry maceration is followed by fermentation with natural yeasts, racking
and one year's maturation in oak barrels. The result is a velvety wine with softer
tannins and classical varietal characteristics.

33. Ridgeback Cabernet Sauvignon 2001 \$25.00
Dark plum with bright red tints. Pungent mulberries with loads of juicy
blackcurrant and violets. Some mocha and fragrant wood spice. Elegant, subtle,
fine-grained tannins.

34. Vergelegen Cabernet Sauvignon 2000 \$35.00
A superb example of this variety with cassis, blackcurrants and vanilla on the nose
which follow through supported by big ripe tannins which give the wine real
structure.

35. Rust en Vrede Cabernet Sauvignon 2000 \$28.00
Intense red colour. Blackberry, red currant and mint aromas with a touch of
eucalyptus. The aroma reverberates on the palate, where some dry character also
shows. Long fresh finish.

Merlot

36. Overgaauw Merlot 2000 \$24.00
The nose shows ripe fruit flavours, spice and a touch of chocolate. The ripeness of
the fruit is balanced by fresh fruit acid and soft wood/fruit tannins.

37. Bilton Merlot 2001 \$25.00
This stunning and concentrated Merlot has complex notes of ripe berry, vanilla
and mint with velvety tannins and a mouthfilling finish.

38. Villiera Merlot 2001 \$17.00
Succulent, jammy, ripe youngberries with wafts of clove, soft tannins and persistent finish.

39. Cordoba Merlot 2000 \$28.00
A rich, intense wine with ripe plum flavours and a spicy, minty character. 18 months of French Oak maturation provides vanilla and roast coffee bean aromas.

40. Meerlust Merlot 1989 \$60.00
A blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Bred to a deep garnet colour, this wine displays the finesse and distinction one would expect from a classic Merlot. Mellow, velvety with a hint of sweetness imparted by the berries, this complex wine is full-bodied and the splendid result of a good vintage year.

41. Meerlust Merlot 1997 \$40.00
Intense, dark plum colour. Blueberry and black cherry bouquet, with a hint of minerals and cedar wood.

Pinotage

42. Beyerskloof Pinotage 2002 \$16.00
Ripe cherry and tropical fruit on the nose with sweet and spicy flavours on the palate. Well balanced and elegant mouthfeel that finishes well.

43. Morgenhof Pinotage 2000 \$25.00
Very typical spicy nose with some Mocha, plums, cigarbox and meaty whiffs. Well balanced with powerful fruits and tannins.

Pinot Noir

44. Glen Carlou Pinot Noir 2002 \$25.00
A ruby red wine with powerful strawberry and raspberry on the nose, following through to the palate.

Shiraz

45. Beaumont Shiraz 2002 \$25.00
Good colour of bright red and violet. Spicy fruit and pepper on the nose. The flavours are soft, rich, sweet fruit and spice, with hints of wood and a long finish of ripe tannins.

46. Neetlingshof Shiraz 1998 \$21.00
Well balanced, medium to full bodied wine, typical of its varietal, with a delicious smoky bouquet with a hint of pepper and spice.

47. Black Pearl Shiraz 2001 \$28.00
This intense fruit driven wine has a complex palate with undertones of wild scrub and peppery spice.

- 48. Ridgeback Shiraz 2002** \$31.00
Rich toasty aromas of ground coffee, ripe plums, red berries and prosciutto on the side. Mouthwatering yet gravelly tannins to support.
- 49. Darling Cellars Shiraz 2003** \$18.00
This stunning Shiraz shows great complexity with smokey black olives, ripe fruit and chocolate on the nose with a rich full palate and mouth filling finish.
- Red Blends**
- 50. Vrede en Lust Simond 2002** \$19.00
*(Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, Malbec)
 noble red wine with chocolate, black fruits and soft spices on the nose. Creamy, complex palate with polished tannins.*
- 51. Warwick Three Cape Ladies 2001** \$36.00
*(Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinotage)
 An explosion of fruit on the nose, which is largely attributable to the Pinotage component of this 'Cape Blend'. The Pinotage is soft and sweet while the Merlot offers a subtle spiciness. Full on the palate with a sweetness on the finish.*
- 52. Warwick Trilogy 2000** \$30.00
*(Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc)
 Showing a wonderful intensity of fruit and warm mocha flavours, this wine has a sweet, perfumed luscious nose, which is earthy and provocative. Raspberry and blackberry flavours abound.*
- 53. Vergelegen Vergelegen 2000** \$70.00
*(Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot)
 onsidered by many to be the Cape's finest red, Vergelegen's award-winning flagship is exceptionally complex with dark cherry and minerally characters.*
- 54. Rupert & Rothschild Baron Edmond 1999** \$50.00
*(Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon)
 Opulent, rich, blackberry, plum and spicy tobacco flavours with beautifully integrated cedarwood. Classic fruit flavours leave a velvety sensation on the palate.*
- 55. Umkhulu Atticus 2001** \$22.00
*(Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinotage)
 Offers up a blast of blackberry, applewood and meat aromas and flavours, with a healthy amount of sweet toast covering it all. Fleshy, with the fruit re-emerging on the finish.*
- 56. Overgaauw Tria Corda 2000** \$33.00
*(Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec)
 Velvety choc-slathered black cherry flavours with whiffs of pepper and mint aromas.*

- 57. Meerlust Rubicon 1996** \$75.00
(Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc)
An excellent vintage for South Africa's most famous Bordeaux blend. Displays a dry, herby, menthol nose that gives way to a deep and savoury palate of blackcurrants, herbs, earthy notes and firm tannins. It is concentrated, hugely structured and savoury.
- 58. Meerlust Rubicon 1998** \$70.00
(Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc)
The wine has a deep purple colour with a spicy tobacco leaf and cigar box bouquet. Firm tannins, youthful palate, well balanced.
- 59. Meerlust Rubicon 1999** \$65.00
(Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc)
On the nose the wine has complex blackberry, dark cherry, cigar box, tobacco leaf and cloves. The wine has great concentration, superb balance and an extraordinary long finish.
- 60. Vergenoegd Reserve 2000** \$40.00
(Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc)
Full bodied Bordeaux style blend. Wild herb with red berry and plum fruit. Mint and vanilla flavours with hints of coffee and chocolate. Well structured and complex with fruit nicely lifted by oak.

Dessert Wine

70. Beaumont Goutte d 'Or 1999 \$16.00

Colour is rich golden with glints of green. A nose of concentrated dried fruits, raisins, honey and toasted tones. The palate has a voluptuous viscous feel of honey, apricots and spice finishing clean and citrusy.

71. Graham Beck Rhona Muscadel 1998 \$17.00

Deep golden yellow in colour with delicate orange rind flavours and grapey freshness on the palate. The wine has an amazing rich lengthy finish.

Port

72. Landskroon Port 1999 \$20.00

Shows great depth of colour, densely packed with fruit, full fat on the mid-palate with good tannin and a dry finish.

Sparkling Wine

80. Graham Beck Brut \$20.00

Methode Cap Classique produced from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in a 50/50 blend. The wine remains on the lees in the bottle for a minimum of 24 months before degorgement and another 3 months on the cork before release.

81. Graham Beck Blanc de Blanc 1998 \$26.00

This yeasty, biscuity bouquet is followed by a touch of butteryness on the palate. The texture is creamy and the mousse fine. Half the cuvee was fermented in stainless steel tanks and half in 205 liter Champenoise casks, so adding richness and complexity. The wine is then matured for 48 months in bottle before disgorgement.

Champagne

82. Perrier Jouet Grand Brut \$75.00

Lean, citrus-accented aromas carry a high-toned, grape/herbal accent. Crisp and lively, showing a mild, toasty character and a juicy, angular finish. Superbly balanced.

83. G. H. Mumm & Cie Brut \$75.00

Well-structured, tonic, elegant and long. Complex fresh fruit and caramel flavours with a touch of acidity and remarkable length in the mouth.

84. Moet et Chandon \$100.00

Lean, citrus-accented aromas carry a high-toned, grape/herbal accent. Crisp and lively, showing a mild, toasty character and a juicy, angular finish. Superbly balanced.

About our Winelist

With the exception of our Champagne, all wines served at Ras Nungwi are of South African origin and personally selected on the basis of their quality and value. As an African hotel, we prefer to support African producers as much as possible.

South African wines have proven to be one of the main beneficiaries of the advent of multi-racial democracy in 1994. Export markets opened up, foreign investment inflows grew dramatically, and significant progress has been made since then to the extent that many South African wines are now considered world-class.

Most international varietals seem to flourish in the Cape's near-perfect growing conditions and our list provides a selection of some of South Africa's finest examples. We have gone to great lengths to ensure that our wines are well preserved, not an easy task given Zanzibar's climate! All wine is stored in our air-conditioned cellar.

We are pleased to offer one of East Africa's most comprehensive winelists featuring award-winning names such as Vergelegen, Meerlust, Hamilton Russell and Warwick to name but a few. Our House Wines are produced by Ridgeback and are available by the glass or bottle, representing exceptional quality and value for money.

Enjoy!

"A meal without wine is like a day without sunshine"

Louis Pasteur