

# SUMMER LOVING

Beat the heat with a taste of top local drinks to quench your thirst



## THE ALPHA DOG

Most ciders are made using apple concentrate. But Alpha Dry and Alpha Ginger are two craft ciders made from the juice of freshly pressed Fuji, Golden Delicious, Cripps Pink and Granny Smith apples from Elgin in the Western Cape. On the beer front, the Alpha Golden Ale is crafted from barley and hops from the American Northwest, while the Alpha Lager won the top prize at the Cape Town Festival of Beer 2016. [alphacraft.co.za](http://alphacraft.co.za)

## MAKING A SPLASH

Made with real fruit juice and natural flavouring, Original Mason's range of ready-to-drink spritzers includes four takes on classic cocktails. The Cuban Mojito is an infusion of lime and mint flavours; the Moscow Mule combines a fiery kick of ginger with a dash of citrus; the Grand Cosmo is the perfect blend of fresh cranberry, orange and lime; and the Piña Colada is the ultimate tropical mix of coconut and pineapple. [drinkmasons.com](http://drinkmasons.com)

## Mirtillo BOTTEGA



## BEARING FRUIT

Using premium grappa as a base, Bottega has created a range of infused spirits, suggestive of the fresh fruits, spices and flavours of Italy. Limoncino uses the finest lemons from Sicily, Mirtillo is flavoured with blueberries picked from the foothills of the Alps and the classic Sambuca is made with pungent and aromatic star anise, making it the perfect partner for coffee. The other fruit liqueur spirits (including peach, pineapple and cinnamon) offer plenty of opportunities for inventive food matches and cocktail ideas. [bottegas.co.za](http://bottegas.co.za)



## HOPE FOR THE BEST

As Cape Town's first artisanal distillery, Hope on Hopkins creates handcrafted spirits with unique flavours. These include the smooth and sophisticated London Dry Gin, the South African-inspired Salt River Gin and the savoury Mediterranean gin. [hopeonhopkins.co.za](http://hopeonhopkins.co.za)

## THE SPICE OF LIFE

Inspired by the rich flavour of the world's most precious spice, the maiden Saffron Rosé from Spice Route Wines features a combination of delicate aromas and bold flavours that make it a masterful match when paired with almost any dish. It came out on top at the National Wine Challenge Top 100 SA Wines of 2017 awards and was presented with both a Double Platinum award and the title of Grand Cru National Champion for being the best in its class. [spiceroutewines.co.za](http://spiceroutewines.co.za)



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## ONCE UPON A TIME

All great wines have a story to tell. This holds true for Neethlingshof's The Caracal Red Blend 2014, named after the rooikat, a sleek feline hunter that's almost never seen but whose enigmatic presence on the estate is always felt. This dark ruby wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. With a bouquet of strawberry (and undertones of vanilla and caramel), it's a full-bodied velvety smooth wine that pairs well with braised lamb. [neethlingshof.co.za](http://neethlingshof.co.za)



## THE MAGIC MIX

Having tested coffee from around the world, Potion Cold Brew found the ideal blend for a cold brew. They steep the grounds in cold water for nearly a day (to extract all the subtle flavours) and serve it straight-up in a bottle. [potioncoffee.com](http://potioncoffee.com)



## SAVE

CLUB VIP MEMBERS GET WINE AND FINE'S 12 DINNER PARTY WHITES OFFER FOR ONLY R998 (NORMAL PRICE R1 1337.87, SAVE R139.87): TWO BOTTLES EACH OF BENGUELA COVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015, CLOS MALVERNE CHARDONNAY 2015, DARLING CELLARS PREMIUM SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014, FLAGSTONE TRIBUTARY CHENIN BLANC 2016, NITIDA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016 AND PAINTED WOLF PELOTON BLANC 2014. WHILE STOCKS LAST, UNTIL 31 OCTOBER. VISIT [EDGARSCLUB.CO.ZA](http://EDGARSCLUB.CO.ZA).