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Download our order form and fax or email it back to us, otherwise visit our website to place an order:
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"SOUTH AFRICAN WINELOVERS' FAVOURITE WINE"

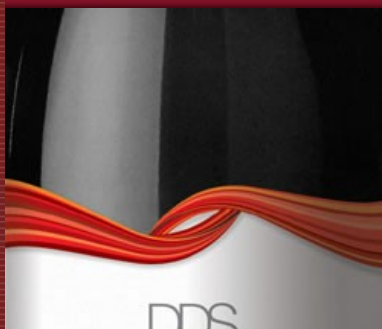
De Toren Fusion V 2003 voted best red wine at Winex.

For an unprecedented second year, De Toren's Fusion V has been voted the best red wine on show at both the RMB WineX consumer wine show held recently in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

De Toren achieved this recognition with their 2001 Fusion V at the inaugural event in 2003, and now again in 2005 with the stunning 2003 Fusion V blend. The 2002 vintage was voted best red wine at WineX Cape Town in 2004 making it three in row for the Cape event, and twice nationally.

Over 3000 individuals voted this year!

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RELEASED! - DDS Shiraz 2003

There has been widespread interest in our unique new DDS Shiraz produced in equal partnership between ourselves and the prestige Burgundian Domain Bertagna. In a first of its kind, the wine was a collaborative effort between Domaine Bertagna's winemaker, Claire Forrestier, and Albie Koch - De Toren's winemaker.

Working together from the start, they sourced the grapes from top Cape sites and managed to obtain barrels directly from Bertagna's exclusive stock, as well as a second-fill supply imported from the Hospice de Beaune. In all, only 350 cases of the wine were produced in what is considered one of the greatest Cape vintages of recent times.

Plein Sud Shiraz

Den Dulk & Siddle

75cl WINE OF ORIGIN COASTAL REGION 13.5% vol

A limited amount been made available to the local market, and any enquiries should be directed to De Toren.

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RELEASED! - FUSION V 2003 PREMIUM BORDEAUX BLEND

Now Available!-Fusion V Vintage 2003 premium Bordeaux blend.

No sooner had we produced our maiden vintage 1999 De Toren Fusion V blend, then along came respected US wine guru Robert Parker, and slapped an as then unheard of, 90 points for a maiden vintage on this wine. The rest is history, and a brief one at that. The dictates of supply and demand took over and we were, and still are, hard pressed to cater for the global demand for this wine from our boutique private Cellar.

This is a wine that can more that hold it's own against all comers, as was recently verified by a select group of Germany's top sommeliers. Fusion V was included in a blind tasting line up of Bordeaux 's best. Not once was Fusion V chosen as a new world wine, and in most sessions Fusion V was adjudged the best wine in the line up. Interestingly, the price of Fusion V was at least one third of the cheapest Bordeaux.

Fusion V 2003

Deep, dark purple with blue rim. Immediate impression of fine style and harmony. Full range of aromas from floral, red berry and oak to fresh earth, dry herb, and sweet spice. Well-rounded mouth with full body and massive impact of fruit and spice. Great balance with fine elegance. Chewy but ripe tannins and massive, long finish. Will offer additional reward with careful cellaring.

As earlier mentioned in this newsletter, consumers and wine judges alike tend to concur that this is a great wine as recently t his vintage – 2003, was also adjudged as the best wine in its class at the International Wine and Spirits Challenge in London.

Only 500 cases will be released in the South African market.

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A BUSINESS CARD CAN PAY DIVIDENDS

Guests attending the recent WineX show were encouraged to leave behind their business cards in order to gain access to the e Toren mailing list. In return there were 2 stunning prizes on offer

pictured here are the two winners...

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Emil den Dulk handing over the Cape Town prize to Charl de Kock from Hermanus. Charl has just relocated from Mutare in Zimbabwe where they recently lost their farm!



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Dale den Dulk handing over the prize to red wine lover Gisela Roux, a Dietician from Pretoria

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SECRETS OF OUR SUCCESS: Part 9 : Single Berry Sorting

Not only do we source our grapes from top sites

How much closer to perfection? We are already bringing down our crop loads dramatically, we remove all bunches from underdeveloped shoots. We remove all uncoloured grapes at 80% verraison (when grapes change colour). We hand harvest. We then inspect each bunch on our sorting table to look for any imperfection!

Now we have gone a couple of steps further! We have installed a vibrating sorting table where "single berries" are sorted. After sorting bunches on the "triage" conveyor the bunches are transported to de-stemmer for de-stemming. After de-stemming the grapes are dropped onto a vibrating sorting table that spreads the single berries for single berry sorting. Here we look for undeveloped



and overripe berries and we also remove all bits of stems that might come through.

Just another small bit of attention to detail to get only the very best into the bottle!

Sante!

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2006 JOHN PLATTER WINE GUIDE

***** stars for Fusion V 2003 in the 2006 John Platter Wine Guide.

For 4 years in a row now our Fusion V was awarded 4 1/2 stars by the influential John Platter wine guide. The wine is tasted by a different Platter panel member every year. This year the panel member was the well known wine critic Angela Lloyd. Consistency in quality is the key to an successful brand.

The De Toren Fusion V certainly scores highly here!

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A CLASSY CHRISTMAS GIFT?

750 ml bottle of De Toren Fusion V 2002

Packed in a limited issue collectors black wooden black box and printed with a De Toren logo.

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2 De Toren wine glasses printed with our Gold De Toren Logo

Price: R 450.00 ex farm.

Magnum of De Toren Fusion V 2002

Packed in a limited issue collectors black wooden black box - printed with a De Toren logo.

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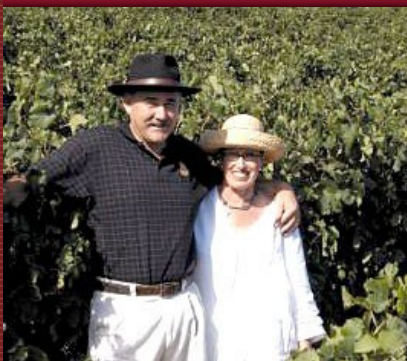
2 De Toren wine glasses printed with our Gold De Toren Logo

Price: R 595.00 ex farm.

Do not delay - We only have 10 of each available!

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Until next time, and remember that life is too short to drink bad wine!



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