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Auction wine with Tsogo Sun – going... going... gone

A steadfast commitment to creating memorable food & beverage occasions has seen Tsogo Sun purchasing some award winning South African wines at the country's leading auctions – and serving them to guests at prices that are not far above their auction purchase price.

An intimate group of foodies were recently invited to experience a selection of six exclusive wines from Tsogo Sun's vast cellar, paired with winter tapas at Southern Sun Hyde Park's Lucé restaurant (<https://www.tsogosun.com/luce-at-hyde-park>).

Says Miguel Chan, Group Sommelier of Tsogo Sun, "Our objective was to showcase a diversity of styles in both white and red wines, covering the full spectrum of flavours. We have over 90 wines in our collection, which have been accumulated over three years at the Nederburg and Cape Winemakers Guild auctions, and which are available at key properties within the group."

Commenting on Tsogo Sun's white wine collection, Chan says, "The wines in our portfolio prove how well South African white cultivars age. A perfect example is the Nederburg Private Bin D 252 Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2011, a six-year-old white wine that has aged to perfection. The Tsogo Sun collection clearly highlights the strength of South African wines and how well they age in comparison to the best wines from around the world. Not many restaurants serve aged white wines, but we are serious about older wines and we believe in the potential of South African winemaker's in crafting great wine."

Says Executive Chef of Lucé, Gareth Jordaan, of the pairing of winter tapas dishes with the six auction wines, "It's a very exciting process to be able to develop dishes based on ingredients that pair well with certain wines, and to draw inspiration from the wines. I enjoy the challenge of pairing food with wine because you start off without a plan and create your dishes around ingredients that bring out the flavours in the wine."

"The Tsogo Sun auction wine collection (<https://www.tsogosun.com/restaurants-bars/our-wine>) adds depth to the dining experience for our guests. It's about how great a certain wine will be with a meal and how it highlights the dishes and the dining experience," concludes Chan.

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2016 was the third year that Tsogo Sun walked away with top honours as the biggest single buyer in South Africa's two leading wine auctions – the 42nd Nederburg Wine Auction and the 32nd Nedbank Cape Winemakers Guild (CWG) Auction – representing a total spend of R3 696 800. The top South African wines are available at selected Tsogo Sun hotels and restaurants and can be purchased from Café Cru (<https://www.tsogosun.com/cafe-cru>) at Montecasino in Johannesburg via their off sales license, and soon online, giving wine-lovers the opportunity to purchase auction wines to enjoy at home.

Tsogo Sun's portfolio includes over 100 hotels and 14 casino and entertainment destinations throughout South Africa, Africa, the Seychelles and Abu Dhabi. For further information, visit tsogosun.com, follow on Twitter and Instagram @TsogoSun or like on Facebook/TsogoSun.

Auction wine and tapas pairing menu:

Stellenrust Chenin Blanc 2012

Panco crusted prawn, ginger peach dipping sauce

Nederburg Private Bin R 181 Merlot 2006

Duck liver paté, cinnamon and Merlot jelly, coffee foam, pickled walnut

Groot Constantia CWG Chardonnay 2015

Croquette – macaroni and cheese, crisp pancetta, emmental, rosemary béchamel

Strydom The Expatriate Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2013

Deboned stick pork rib, mustard chèvre, coriander, smoked aubergine purée, lentil salsa

Nederburg Private Bin D 252 Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2011

Sous vide chicken, ratatouille, squash purée, walnut broccoli, basil