



**2003 Vilafonté Series M, Paarl Simonsberg, South Africa
£360.00 per case (£30.00 a bottle)**

This phenomenal debut vintage of 'M' shows the textural brilliance of the Merlot grape against a background of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Cabernet Franc (41% Merlot, 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Malbec and 4% Cabernet Franc). This wine has been assembled in the same way that Mr Rubik designed his puzzle. Taking the very best of each variety and fitting each piece of the jigsaw into the frame, 'M' is a juicy, complex, wondrously lush creature, which totally rewards the senses.

**2003 Vilafonté Series C, Paarl-Simonsberg, South Africa,
£480.00 (£40.00 a bottle)**

By contrast to the stellar and immediately gripping flavour of 'M', 'C', a mighty blend (82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 2% Malbec), is one for the future. South Africa does not yet have an icon wine. I will happily throw my hat into the ring and say that this wine is showing the most investment potential and drinking excitement over the next decade of any new release I have seen from the Cape. Tight, firm, brooding and packed with muscular fruit, 'C' is an astonishing wine. From the exceptional attention paid to the vines, to the "no upper limit" winemaking and the tremendous resulting flavours, Vilafonté has made a statement with this epic wine.

Matthew Jukes, United Kingdom, November 2005