

THE ONE&ONLY SPOT FOR WINE

Wine Studio Opens at the One&Only Cape Town

With almost 700 references, One&Only Cape Town features one of the most balanced and diverse wine collections on the continent. It seems only fitting that the Resort has launched the Wine Studio, a sleek and sophisticated space showcasing a sampling of its impressive offering, where guests of the Resort can discover sensational wine journeys such as the Sip & Savour and Wine Blending experiences. The Wine Studio offers patrons the opportunity to interact with Luvo Ntezo (Resort Head Sommelier) or enjoy an exceptional Cap Classique Afternoon Tea experience.

Governor Jan van Riebeeck's diary entry on 2 February 1659 reads: "Today, praise be to God, wine was pressed for the first time from Cape grapes, and the new must was tested fresh from the vat." These famous words, now gilded on the doors to the One&Only Cape Town Wine Studio, point to a pivotal moment in the country's history, the day the story of wine in the Cape region began. Now, centuries later, the Western Cape is considered one of the best areas in the world for wine production, with countless accolades awarded to its resident farms. Guests visiting the Resort on 2 February, on this momentous anniversary, are sure to encounter a celebration in The Wine Studio worthy of its significance.

PRIVATE DINING

The Wine Studio is also available as a private dining room, providing the perfect canvas for hosting various celebrations, from cocktail parties to formal dinners. The One&Only Cape





Town's team of highly trained and experienced chefs will curate the perfect menu to suit the occasion, according to guests' preferences, and with the option of expert wine pairing by Luvo. Equally suited to more intimate gatherings, The Wine Studio is the perfect venue to treat friends or business partners to a privately hosted wine, gin or whisky tasting, followed by dinner in one of the Resort's contemporary dining restaurants.

To celebrate the launch of The Wine Studio, One&Only Cape Town has also introduced several exciting new events and experiences dedicated to the discovery, enjoyment, and celebration of fine South African wines:

The Wine Studio Dinner Collection - Wine Wit and Studio Smarts

Join Luvo in The Wine Studio for an evening of "Wine Wit and Studio Smarts". Discover a reverse wine pairing, whereby guests are presented with a selection of wines for each course and are encouraged to decide on their ideal match. All Studio dinners include a delicious four-course set menu prepared by the Resort chefs.

Diners can expect an evening of exceptional food, wine, fun and discovery; an opportunity to engage in an immersive wine conversation with charismatic Luvo, and occasionally some special guests from surrounding farms. Confirmed dates in 2021 include 29 July and 30 September.



Chef & the Vine

A series of sophisticated yet relaxed evenings featuring some of the region's top local wine farms, and showcasing nostalgic local flavours from One&Only Cape Town's signature restaurant, Ochre. Ochre serves contemporary South African cuisine and is headed by Resort Executive Chef, Chris Mare. The Chef & the Vine calendar consists of an esteemed line-up of premium wine estates, all with decades (and sometimes centuries) of experience in winemaking, vast knowledge of the South African wine landscape, and many interesting wine tales worth sharing. Representatives of some of these esteemed wine farms will visit the hotel, to share their stories and knowledge with guests over the course of a convivial evening.

There are two remaining confirmed Chef & the Vine events in 2021, each highlighting a renowned local farm. On 27 August, the Resort will welcome Thelema. Thelema - one of the most sought-after wine estates in the country - will be visiting from the famous Stellenbosch wine region. The final event will feature wines from the

acclaimed Hamilton Russel wine farm on 29 October. Hamilton Russel hails from the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, and is widely considered the nation's Pinot Noir and Chardonnay specialists.

Wine Blending Experience

For any wine lover, the opportunity to blend their own wine is one not to be missed. This exceptional experience takes place inside One&Only Cape Town's elegant Wine Studio. After an insightful discussion with Luvo about the wine landscape in South Africa and some of the popular varietals, guests can begin to create their very own signature blend, tweaking and perfecting the recipe according to their palate. The resulting creation can be savoured over a delicious meal at one of the Resort's exceptional restaurants or packaged and taken home for the perfect gift or souvenir of their stay. Guests also have the option of visiting a wine farm, where, together with the Resort's sommelier and local winemaker, they will be expertly guided to produce their own blend.

Cap Classique Tea

Guest can settle in at Vista Bar & Lounge and soak in the floor to ceiling views of Table Mountain as they indulge in a bubbling celebration fit for all occasions. The Cap Classique Tea features a stunning display of delectable, sweet pastries and delicious savoury bites, and is presented on unique One&Only tea stands alongside a free flow of One&Only Town's very own Cap Classique brut.

For groups larger than six persons, there is the option of enjoying the Cap Classique Tea in the comfort and sophistication of the Wine Studio.

Through these wine journeys, One&Only Cape Town hopes to deliver to its guests unique and unparalleled wine experiences to be remembered for a lifetime.

The Wine Studio at the One&Only Cape Town is open daily between 4 pm and 7 pm. For more information, visit reservations@oneandonlycapetown.com.

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