



December 2021 REDS

Wines of South Africa

Bloem Syrah-Mourvedre 2019

\$18

Special Reorder Price \$15.30 (15% off)

Simonsberg-Paarl, South Africa - In this blend of 91% Syrah and 9% Mourvedre, black currant and cherry fruit aromas are balanced with exotic spice and earthy undertones. The wine is smooth with a dry, lingering finish.

Reyneke Vinehugger Cabernet-Merlot Blend 2015

\$19

Special Reorder Price \$16.15 (15% off)

Stellenbosch, South Africa - The nose is rich with clove and white pepper spice with underlying deep red cherry fruit aromas. The palate shows a lively red berry freshness with some good structure and a well rounded finish.

Wine Club Policy:

Wine Club Selections are guaranteed for 2 months; after that time substitutions of equal value may be made based on inventory.

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SHEET PAN ROASTED SAUSAGE

2 medium fennel bulbs, fronds reserved, bulbs halved through root end, thinly sliced lengthwise
1 small red onion, halved through root end, thinly sliced lengthwise
3 sprigs rosemary
4 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided, plus more for drizzling
Kosher salt, freshly ground pepper
6 sweet Italian sausages (about 1 1/2 lb. total)
1 medium navel orange
1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
Flaky sea salt

Cooking Instructions

Place a rack in highest position in oven; preheat to 425°F. Combine fennel bulbs, red onion, and rosemary sprigs on a large rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with 3 Tbsp. oil, season generously with kosher salt and pepper, and toss to combine. Arrange sausages on top, spacing evenly and nestling into vegetables. Prick sausages all over with the tip of a paring knife and drizzle with 1 Tbsp. oil. Roast until sausages are browned on top and cooked through and fennel is tender and deeply browned in spots, 25–30 minutes.

Meanwhile, coarsely chop reserved fennel fronds (you want about 1/4 cup); set aside. Cut the ends off orange to reveal flesh. Rest orange upright on a cut side and cut down around orange to remove peel and white pith, rotating it as you go; discard peel. Working over a small bowl, hold orange in your hand and cut between membranes to release segments into bowl. Squeeze membranes to extract any remaining juice into bowl; discard membranes. Add vinegar to orange segments and juice and toss to combine; season with kosher salt and pepper.

Remove baking sheet from oven. Using your hand or a spoon to block segments, pour juices from orange over sausage and fennel mixture. Set orange segments aside and let sausages and fennel mixture cool 5 minutes.

Transfer sausages and fennel mixture to a platter. Crumble rosemary leaves over and scatter reserved orange segments and fennel fronds on top. Season with sea salt and a bit more pepper; drizzle with oil.

Pair with **Reyneke Vinehugger Cabernet-Merlot Blend 2015**