

Art & Wine

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As official partner in art-transportation KLM joined forces with the world-famous Rijksmuseum. This unique cooperation resulted in a select range of exceptional wines for lovers of art and wine. First the KLM tasting panel carefully selected five fine wines, and then the museum chose some great paintings from its rich collection to accompany them. These master works, including paintings by Rembrandt and Vermeer, were subsequently reproduced on a handful of unique wine labels.

During the months of August and September, these wines will exclusively be served in KLM World Business Class, while the limited stock lasts.

A special mention should be given to the wine that Thérèse Boer – spouse of renowned three-starred chef Jonnie Boer of restaurant De Librije – awarded with a 'kiss'.



Red wines



Finca Perdriel Pinot Noir 2015

View of the Golden Bend in the Herengracht - Gerrit Adriaensz Berckheyde, 1671-1672

During the 17th century some of Amsterdam's richest people lived in a bend of this quiet canal. Finca Perdriel – the oldest and most exclusive boutique winery of Bodega Norton – in Argentina is home to vinous riches, like this seductive Pinot Noir.

Bodega Norton was founded in 1895. Nowadays it is run by Michael Halstrick who made it one of Argentina's most respected wine estates, after much renovation and expansion.

Because of the Finca's high location the Pinot Noir grape variety thrives there, making its partly barrel-aged 2015 intensely flavoured. This wine is a pleasant accompaniment to beef, veal and lamb dishes.



Lapostolle Merlot 2015

Still Life with Flowers and a Watch - Abraham Mignon, ca 1660 - ca 1679

How bounteous it is, this natural bouquet of anemones, daffodils, irises, poppies, roses and tulips. It is paired with a rich red wine from Chile, the mouth-filling Merlot from a famous French producer, the Marnier Lapostolle family.

The family's respect for nature is reflected in its philosophy: recycling water and grape skins (for compost), conserving the environment and the ecological balance, energy conservation and biodynamic vineyard management are all practiced at Lapostolle.

To give the Lapostolle Merlot its true varietal expression, only 10 per cent of the wine has undergone a short stay in used barrels, producing ripe black fruit and bay leaf aromas. Delicious with beef and hard or blue cheeses.

White wines



Abbots & Delaunay Sauvignon Blanc 2016

The Milkmaid - Johannes Vermeer, ca 1660

This impressive, timeless painting with its bright light and flowing white milk was matched with a bright white wine, a fine, slightly spicy and fruity refresher from southern France.

The people behind this summery wine are a young and talented Australian winemaker, Nerida Abbott, who teamed up with Languedoc star Laurent Delaunay whose roots are in Burgundy. Together they founded Abbots & Delaunay, specialised in high-end wines from the Languedoc-Roussillon region.

The grapes for this wine were selected in the three départements of Aude, Gard, Hérault and harvested in the cool early mornings to maintain their freshness and fruit. The wine is a superb accompaniment to appetisers, salads and fish.



De Nachtwacht - The Night Watch, by Rembrandt van Rijn, 1642



Kus van Thérèse

Boschendal Chardonnay 2016

The Sampling Officials of The Amsterdam Draper's Guild - Rembrandt van Rijn, ca 1662

With Rembrandt's only corporate group portrait of sampling officials, we invite you to sample a full bodied chardonnay from a truly exceptional South African estate, Boschendal.

Boschendal offers much more than just a farm with a wine cellar. There is a historic homestead, a spectacular rose garden, and a vast park where a picnic is an unforgettable experience.

Much care went into making the 2016 Chardonnay. The grapes were hand-picked in three locations, fermentation was meticulously controlled and 70 per cent of the wine underwent oak maturation. 'Its taste is exotic, mouth filling and spicy with a hint of nutmeg, and it is best combined with fish and creamy cheeses', says Thérèse Boer from Restaurant De Librije.



Masi Pinot Grigio 2016

A Windmill on a Polder Waterway - Paul Joseph Constantin Gabriël, ca 1889

This beautiful and typically Dutch summer day, which is masterly mirrored in the smooth water, has been teamed up with a beautiful and typically Italian summer wine, a juicy, perfect Pinot Grigio from the Venezia region.

It was at the end of the 18th century that the Boscaini family acquired the small wine valley called Vaio dei Masi that gave its name to their estate, Masi. Today the Masi estate is still run by the Boscaini family, under the presidency of Sandro.

Perfectly in keeping with the artfully presented Masi Pinot Grigio is the Masi Foundation, which supports art by organising exhibitions and publishing beautiful books. This wine is great with appetisers and fish – or can be enjoyed on its own.