



CHIC CHENIN

Vanilla (021 421 1391), a hot new cocktail bar and restaurant at the trendy new Cape Quarter Extension, was the chic venue for a wine tasting of new releases by Kleine Zalze. The Stellenbosch winery which won *Wine Magazine's* Chenin Challenge 2010 showed the 2009 vintage of its Vineyard Selection Chenin Blanc – a rich and creamy barrel-fermented wine with tropical honeysuckle fruit and ripe peach flavours. I really liked the Cellar Selection Pinotage 2008, a lightly wooded wine with luscious plum and mulberry flavours – and the soft, velvety Merlot 2008 with chocolate notes.

Kleine Zalze, Stellenbosch tel: 021 880 0717 or visit: www.kleinezalze.co.za

CELEBRATED CHARDONNAY

A who's who in the wine zoo turned out for the relaunch of Journey's End, the iconic Helderberg winery owned by the Gabb family, co-founders of Western Wines which developed Kumala into South Africa's largest wine brand with exports of five-million cases. The highlights of a tasting of the new releases of this cult cellar – which won an unprecedented five *Platter* stars for its maiden Chardonnay 2002 – were the stunning Cape Doctor Shiraz 2005, Destination Chardonnay 2006 and Journey's End Chardonnay 2008 (all rated four stars in *Platter's SA Wines 2010*). Watch this space.

Journey's End, Sir Lowry's Pass on tel: 021 858 1929 or visit: www.journeysend.co.za



MAGICAL MALT

The Singleton of Dufftown is a renowned single malt made since 1896 in the heart of Scotch whisky country in the Speyside. Slowly distilled from spring water and highland barley, this rich, smooth whisky is aged for 12 years in bourbon and sherry oak casks. The Singleton has classic Speyside character with sweet citrus, raisin fruit and spicy, nutty notes. Elegantly packaged in a tall blue flint glass flask of 19th design, it bears the trademark logo of the leaping salmon of wisdom of Celtic folklore.

The Singleton of Dufftown at R329

