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I am generally not a fan of high-alcohol wine, but some people in South Africa know how to handle it. One of those is the **extremely talented Marc Kent of Boekenhoutskloof**, an iconoclast who follows no orthodoxies except for those laid down by his own convictions. His biggest reds don't recognise any number lower than 14 per cent, yet they have the stuffing to keep the alcohol in its place. Just don't try to sell them in Béziers.

Top Corks: Boekenhoutskloof over-14s

Porcupine Ridge Syrah 2004 (£6.99, Avery's Mail Order, Waitrose, Somerfield, Wine Society) Big alcohol is matched by the right figures elsewhere. More northern Rhône than Antipodean.

Porcupine Ridge Merlot 2004 (£6.99, Oddbins) This Porcupine is a lot more interesting and prickly than many of his dumber, cuddlier brethren. Careful oak treatment, pleasingly plump.

Porcupine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 (£6.99, Sainsbury's) More French classicism from South Africa, all cassis and fine French oak.

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Porcupine Ridge, Coastal Region (South Africa) Sauvignon Blanc 2005 (\$10, Vineyard Brands): Porcupine Ridge has offered American consumers first-rate, value-priced Sauvignon Blancs for the past few years. The 2005 rendition may well be the best yet. Made in a grapefruit-scented, faintly herbaceous style, the wine is not especially complex but tastes wonderfully refreshing. **88 Points**

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[91 Punkte für Porcupine Syrah vom Wine on the web – England](http://www.wineontheweb.co.uk/a-z/valuesa-z/valuesa-z_524.html)

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Butcher shop elements, spicy dark fruit nose, this affordable red is concentrated and appealing. Ripe fruit then leather and finally, cocoa, all are found in this meaty red wine.

This is a "Cape answer to northern Rhône Syrah," says Jancis Robinson, "very gentle, early-maturing certainly, rich and lively, presenting a great big mouthful of fruit but without heaviness or an excess of either alcohol or tannin." It's made by Marc Kent of Boekenhoutskloof, South Africa's leading producer of Syrah "who has real sensibility when it comes to vinifying this grape," adds Robinson.

Review by Darryl Beeson, Wine on the Web American Editor

Classic reds for entertaining



Jancis Robinson chooses those reds that go well with turkey in the first of our six-part series on good buys over the festive season

Boekenhoutskloof Porcupine Ridge Syrah 2003 Coastal Region

£6.99 HANDFORD HOLLAND PARK, SWIG, WAITROSE,
THE WINE SOCIETY

This second label from South African Syrah specialist Marc Kent is even better than the 2002. It is not designed for a long life but over-delivers in spades for current drinking at this price. A real meeting of New World friendliness and Old World structure.

The Boekenhoutskloof Cabernet Sauvignon 2001 (£20 IC WR) is also, very well made – proper, grown-up claret.



Sipping up

People are always asking me if it is really worth shelling out for a more expensive bottle of wine. Can you expect to taste those extra few pounds spent? I wish the answer was a simple yes, but it's not. There are thousands of poor bottles of wine out there at all price points. I only write up about eight out of every hundred bottles of wine that I taste and I try to find only the very best; as the saying goes: 'Life's too short to drink dull wine'.

This week's wines are an exercise in trading up. I have grouped them into pairs — a lower- and higher-priced wine on a grape variety theme. All of them are stunning and trading up is a joy. It should be very clear for you to taste where the extra money has gone in the glass.

2004 Porcupine Ridge Syrah, Coastal Region, South Africa (£6.99, reduced by 20 per cent to £5.59, from May 8-June 5, Waitrose). This wine, even before the forthcoming discount, is awesome. It is the entry-level wine from Boekenhoutskloof (my favourite Cape producer of Syrah). This is their best vintage of Syrah to date. It is sealed with a screw cap and is bursting with briary, peppery nuances. Côtes du Rhône simply can't keep up with the pace that this epic wine sets.