TASK 1- Research on Wine in South Africa.

South Africa has a rich history of viticulture dating back to the 17th century and is now considered one of the top wine-producing countries worldwide. The Western Cape is the primary location for the country's wine industry, benefitting from an ideal climate and soil for growing grapes. South Africa produces different type of wines such as white, red, sparkling, dessert, rose and port wine. The varied aromas, tastes and flavours of different wine types cater to the palates of wine enthusiasts, making their experience more enjoyable and fruitful.

Wine age-ability is another factor that wine enthusiasts take into consideration as it is potentially able to improve the quality of wine. Factors that affect the ageing process are temperature, light and humidity. Red wines should be stored at approximately 55 ° Fahrenheit which is ten degrees below the ideal serving temperature. To protect them from harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays, they are bottle in green or brown tinted bottles. This differs from white wine due to the absence of grape skins during fermentation, which prevents the wine from acquiring high levels of tannins and colour. The wine is fermented for two to four weeks at a low temperature of 12-22 degrees. AVERAGE PRCIE FOR BOTTLE IN SA

South African wines are well-regarded for their quality and value for money. The cost and quality of wine can differ based on the producer, grape variety, and vintage, but many high-quality and affordable options are available with the average price of a 750ml bottle of wine currently at R45. The Stellenbosch, Franschhoek, and Constantia regions are home to some of South Africa's most prestigious and expensive wines. Wine lovers can explore numerous vineyards in the Western Cape region with the majority of them providing wine tasting and tours. Moreover, several vineyards offer opportunities for food and wine pairing where visitors get to try exceptional cuisines together with their wine. The Stellenbosch Wine Route, Franschhoek Wine Valley, and Hemel-en-Aarde Valley vineyards are the most popular and highly recommended by customers. The country's most popular grape varieties used in wine production are red and white wine. These include Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinotage, Shiraz, and Merlot. Chenin Blanc is the most widely grown grape variety in South Africa. Here are the few examples of wine and their details:

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| Wine Name | Serving/Flavours | Pairing | Region |
| Chardonnay | A white wine that ranges in flavour from apple and lemon to papaya and pineapple. | It pairs well with meaty fish (cod, halibut), and shellfish (prawns, lobster, crabs) | It is produced in the Burgundy region of France. |
| Sauvignon Blanc | It has citrusy aromas and is balanced with perfumed and acidic flavour. | It pairs well with white meat like chicken, lightly seasoned vegetarian dishes, and seafood. | While it comes from the Loire Valley, its New Zealand counterpart is more popular. |
| Moscato | It is sweet and fruity, with a hint of fizz and is often used as a dessert wine. | It pairs well with crudites like carrots, celery, and cucumbers. | It comes from a region in Italy caked Asti, in the Piedmont area in North-western Italy. |
| Pinot Grigio | It has floral aromas and lemony flavours. | It pairs well with seafood, pasta dishes and vegetarian food. | It is produced in Northern Italy. |
| Riesling | It is a great option if you’re looking for something with some sugar. | It pairs well with delicate fish and Asian-inspired dishes. | It is produced in Alsace, Washington State, Clare Valley and Germany. |

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