

Nyota *Zimbabwean* Cuisine

*Made by Zimbabweans,
for Zimbabwe*

At Nyota, every plate tells a story of this land — its rivers, its soil, its people. Our wine list does the same. We have chosen to partner with three remarkable Zimbabwean-owned producers, each of whom left home in search of opportunity and returned — through their craft — bearing something extraordinary. These are not simply wines. They are homecomings in a glass.

SWARTLAND, SOUTH AFRICA · EST. 2014

MOSI WINES & SPIRITS

Joseph Tongai Dhafana arrived in South Africa in 2009 with little more than ambition. He rose to become one of the Cape's most decorated sommeliers, captained Zimbabwe's national blind-tasting team at the World Championships in Burgundy, and in 2014 began crafting wines under the name Mosi — the Tonga word for "the smoke that thunders", a tribute to Victoria Falls itself. Low-intervention, terroir-driven, deeply personal.

FRANSCHHOEK, SOUTH AFRICA · EST. 2020

MUKANYA WINES

Marlvin Gwese is a sommelier, winemaker and one of the celebrated four Zimbabweans featured in the documentary Blind Ambition. A trip to Champagne ignited an obsession with traditional-method sparkling wine. He named his label after his Shona totem — Mukanya — ancient, earned, and deeply his own. Each bottle carries both the precision of the méthode Cap Classique and the quiet pride of knowing exactly where you come from.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA · EST. 2025

DANAI WINES

Danai is a Zimbabwean-owned wine label with its roots in Harare and its fruit in the vineyards of the Cape. Each wine is crafted especially for them in South Africa and named with intention — Shona names that carry warmth, memory and meaning. These are wines made for the Zimbabwean table, by people who know it well.

MOSI WINES & SPIRITS

'Tinashe' Chenin Blanc

USD 12 / glass · 48 / bottle

CHENIN BLANC · SWARTLAND

Sunlit and alive — green apple, wet stone and a thread of honeyed citrus that lingers long after the glass is set down. A wine of quiet confidence.

Pairs beautifully with Nyota's grilled bream & muriwo wetirigu

DANAI WINES

Chiedza

USD 12 / glass · 48 / bottle

40% CHARDONNAY CAP CLASSIQUE · FRANSCHHOEK

This sweet white wine is a fragrant white wine that bursts with tropical pear and litchi flavours, with flowery notes in the background. It is fresh and approachable, with a balanced sweetness.

Pairs beautifully with Nyota's roadrunner chicken & pumpkin leaves

SPARKLING

MUKANYA WINES

Mukanya Brut NV

USD 14 / glass · 56 / bottle

100% CHARDONNAY CAP CLASSIQUE · FRANSCHHOEK

Fine, persistent bubbles carry notes of green apple, fresh citrus and a whisper of brioche. Crisp, elegant, and unmistakably celebratory.

Pairs beautifully with Nyota's sadza ne hove & seasonal vegetables

Mukanya Brut Rosé NV

USD 15 / glass · 60 / bottle

40% CHARDONNAY CAP CLASSIQUE · FRANSCHHOEK

Delicate rose-petal colour, a nose of fresh red berries, and a palate that balances vivid fruit with a clean, mineral finish. Effortless beauty.

Pairs beautifully with Nyota's roadrunner chicken & pumpkin leaves

DANAI WINES

Tadiwa Cabernet Sauvignon

USD 12 / glass · 48 / bottle

CABERNET SAUVIGNON · CAPE TOWN

Meaning "love one another" in Shona. Rich and full-bodied, with generous firm tannins, a luscious smooth texture and an evocative warmth of spice that lingers on the finish like embers after a good fire.

Pairs beautifully with Nyota's Oxtail and White Sadza

Itai Merlot

USD 13 / glass · 52 / bottle

MERLOT · CAPE TOWN

Grown on warm, weathered shale soils — vibrant dark fruit, smooth supple tannins, and a soft rounded finish. Itai: a Shona directive, a quiet permission to do as you please. No rules at this table.

Pairs beautifully with Nyota's Goat Stew and Samp

Tangai Red Blend

USD 14 / glass · 55 / bottle

RED BLEND · CAPE TOWN

Named "to begin" in Shona — and what a beginning. Blueberry, plum and cassis lead the way, with toffee undertones adding unexpected warmth. A wine that draws you in and keeps you at the table.

Pairs beautifully with Nyota's Beef in Vegetables and Brown Rice

Khaya Sweet Red

USD 14 / glass · 55 / bottle

SWEET RED · CAPE TOWN,

Named "home" in Shona — and few wines feel as immediately welcoming. Naturally subtle and softly sweet, with an abundance of ripe red fruit. Pour it, share it, and feel at home.

Pairs beautifully with Nyota's Candy Cake and Banana Bread in Ice Cream

MOSI WINES & SPIRITS

'Flavian' Syrah

USD 13 / glass · 52 / bottle

SYRAH · SWARTLAND

Dark plum, cracked pepper, and something smoky beneath — like an open fire at dusk. Full-bodied, with tannins that are firm but never harsh. Made for slow food and good company.

Pairs beautifully with Nyota's Oxtail and Mapfunde Sadza

Bordeaux Blend × Harry Hartman

USD 14 / glass · 55 / bottle

BORDEAUX BLEND · SWARTLAND · 2021

A collaborative red of real depth — dark cassis, earth, and a cedar-touched finish. A wine that rewards patience and rewards conversation in equal measure. .

Pairs beautifully with Nyota's Turkey and Mhunga Sadza

DANAI WINES

Zaza Rose

USD 14 / glass · 55 / bottle

SWEET ROSÉ · CAPE TOWN

Sunset-coloured and joyful — strawberry, Turkish delight and candy floss on the nose, floral notes lifting above, and a balanced acidity keeping it fresh. A wine for golden-hour moments.

Pairs beautifully with Nyota's Tasting Board and Baobab Yogurt

SPIRITS

MOSI WINES & SPIRITS

'Wamambo' Gin

USD 14 / glass · 55 / bottle

CRAFT GIN · BOTANICAL

The botanicals in this gin were foraged by Joseph's mother in Chirumhanzu, Zimbabwe, then blended with rooibos, buchu and ginger. The result is aromatic and deeply rooted — warm, spiced, and alive with a sense of place. Serve over ice with a twist of orange or a splash of tonic. Available neat or on ice.

We believe that what is in your glass should honour the land and the people of Zimbabwe just as much as what is on your plate. If you would like to know more about any of our producers — their stories, their vineyards, their craft — please do not hesitate to ask. It is our privilege to share these stories with you.

*"In water you see your own reflection.
In wine, you see the heart of another."*

