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HOME GALLERY

VISI's most prolific photographic contributor is the marvellously talented Dook, who needs no introduction to most of our readers. But did you know you can now order a gallery wall full of Dook's amazing images, all exquisitely printed by his own specialist art printer Andreas Kahlau? Find out more at vintageprints.co.za.



WAX ON

We've been longing for cool local candle-makers to emerge, and then suddenly, several come along at once. Among our new faves are Via Wax's playful, curvaceous and colourful offerings, which are the perfect finishing touch for summer spaces. From R80 each | [@via.wax](https://www.instagram.com/via.wax)



AIR APPARENT

Danish family-owned design firm Eva Solo creates resolutely contemporary pieces that bring everyday essentials - like this curvaceously cool, hand-blown glass wine carafe with integrated aerator funnel - bang up to date. From R1 129 | yuppiechef.com



LOOKING FORWARD

Make sure 2021 is an improvement on 2020 with an inspiring Babylonstoren calendar, featuring imagery of flowers and plants from the farm. R390 | babylonstoren.com



TOILE OF JOY

Modern takes on toile have been cool since Timorous Beasties kick-started the trend in the early 2000s. Now celeb chef Jan Hendrik van der Westhuizen has created his own versions for Hertex - like this "Nelspruit to Nice" tablecloth. R980 (160 x 280cm) | hertexhaus.co.za



ON THE CURVE

Combining multiple colours in a single chunky, highly appealing vessel is Danish brand HAY's jug, which was designed by artist Jochen Holz and crafted from heat-resistant borosilicate glass. From R860 each | cremadesign.co.za



GO GRAPHIC

Handmade at the workshop in Cape Town, Vorster & Braye's ceramics combine classically modernist shapes with a considered and contemporary colour palette. They are one of our favourite stops for gifts year-round - but right now the elegantly sculptural Flake-Rim range of vases and vessels is our top pick. From R525 each | vorsterandbraye.co.za



AND RELAX...

This covetable Blossoms & Bliss: Lavender hamper contains a calming yet uplifting set of spoils, made with essential oil from lavender grown on the Babylonstoren farm. R2 360 | babylonstoren.com



COMFORT BLANKET

Part-throw, part-blanket and part-bedcover, the bestselling, pure-cotton Vrou Vrou, designed and made at Mungo's mill in Plettenberg Bay, is now available in this delectable new colourway, Cypress. An item to present to someone very special indeed...

From R3 315 | mungo.co.za

CLASSIC BEAUTY

There's something primal in the attractions of the three-legged stool: it must be one of humankind's oldest designs. This charming and versatile Milk stool by Houtlander is a future heirloom. R1 500 | houtlander.co.za



UNIQUE GIFTS: VISI SHOP

For absolutely unique offerings you won't find anywhere else, look no further than VISI's very own design store. Visit shop.visi.co.za to discover it all.



MO'S CRIB PAPER SWAN SCULPTURES, R360 each

Local home decor and design brand Mo's Crib, headed up by Morongwe "Mo" and Michelle Mokone, is responsible for the creation of these handmade swan sculptures, a range of which the duo made just for VISI.



SMTNG GOOD X JANET LIGHTBODY, R3 950 per set

Local collaborative textile design studio SMTNG GOOD has, together with artist and ceramicist Janet Lightbody, designed a new, blue version of the Endless Summer blanket and platter, exclusively for VISI.



BETTER TOGETHER

Featuring the estate's flagship wines, award-winning olive oil and a branded caddy of rooibos tea, among other treats, Babylonstoren's Exclusive Hamper is the perfect hostess gift. R1 400 | babylonstoren.com



SERVE IT UP

You can't have too many gorgeous serving bowls, and we think these Le Creuset versions - 32cm in diameter, available in various colours, and perfect for presenting salad, pasta and much more - are the sort of gift with which you simply can't go wrong. R1 059 each | lecreuset.co.za



LEDIKANA BABINA NOKO WINE BAG, R399

Mapholo Ratau's Johannesburg-based lifestyle brand Ledikana is behind the design of the Babina Noko range of handmade neoprene wine bags with a special-edition coral zip.

PICHULIK KAHINA KEYRING, R680

Local ethical jewellery, accessories and womenswear atelier Pichulik, with designer Katherine-Mary Pichulik at the helm, has created two keyrings exclusively for the VISI Shop - and the Kahina is our favourite.



NEIMIL CUSHIONS, R1 200 each

Local lifestyle brand Neimil has designed two limited-edition, handcrafted cushion covers in two different colourways, exclusively for VISI.



GOING UNDERGROUND

Babylonstoren's wine cellar has expanded (downwards) into an intriguing underground wine tunnel, which you can explore during an interactive tour.



Babylonstoren's new subterranean tunnel links the wine production cellar with the underground barrel storage, and provides more processing space for the winery's extensive offering. As you head down into the tunnel, it's clear that the design of the space was developed with the sights and sounds of winemaking firmly in mind. According to Chris Fick of Malherbe Rust Architects - part

of the team behind the project - a key driver of the flow was accommodating the cellar tours that the farm runs daily, and which are central to celebrating real farm activities as part of the guest experience. The tunnel architecture adds to the immersive nature of the tours, during which visitors learn about farm processes.

In the cellar, a terracotta-coloured concrete floor and exposed-brick walls support an undulating roof,

which descends into the bowels of the building and will provide a foundation for the vineyards that will be planted above it. Pools of light trickling in from ceiling skylights give the space a warm glow and create a moody atmosphere. Each level houses different fermentation and storage vessels that have been used through the ages - all are part of Babylonstoren's current wine-production methods, and range from Italian-made clay pots similar to those used by the Romans 6 000 years ago to the more contemporary

nomblot (also known as the "concrete egg"), which hails from Burgundy, France. Further down the tunnel are gigantic French-oak casks, each containing more than 4 000 litres of wine.

Guests enjoy their tasting in the vinoteque, surrounded by bottles and casks of wine in various stages of maturation. Each of Babylonstoren's signature, award-winning wines is paired specifically with treats grown and made on the very farm you sit beneath. babylonstoren.com

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Tours run at 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm daily. enquiries@babylonstoren.com | 021 863 3852

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