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Stop the presses! Something extraordinary happened this week in the normally fractious world of wine reviewing and commentary.

Something so extraordinary, that it could be equated with news of Helen Zille agreeing with Julius Malema, the bank giving you a refund, or minicab drivers suddenly observing the rules of the road and being courteous.

That extraordinary thing was that Neil Pendock, Christian Eedes and Cathy Marston, three of South Africa's top wine reviewers, actually agreed on something; that the Obikwa Shiraz 2009 was stonking great value and a good drink at R20 a bottle.

Well off I had to go, at once, to buy a bottle and taste this wine!

I gave Cape Town supermarkets a miss as Cathy Marston had cornered the market there and bought every bottle in sight.

I headed east, and did not stop until I arrived in Hermanus where I figured the local Pick n'Pay might have a few bottles left. They did, and an hour or two later I poured myself a glass.

The label is a bit naive, and depicts an ostrich. Maybe the brand is designed as an accessible recruitment brand, although it does not have the sweetness of some, Jam Jar Sweet Shiraz springing to mind. The brand name comes from the earliest settlers of the Cape region.

It was a fruity, spicy, lovely glass of Shiraz that delivered a lot more than some shiraz's I've drunk at more than double the price.

It only cost R20. Apparently they can get the price so low because they make so much of the stuff.

Churrasco de contra file e saladas. Almoço em 10 de outubro de 2010.