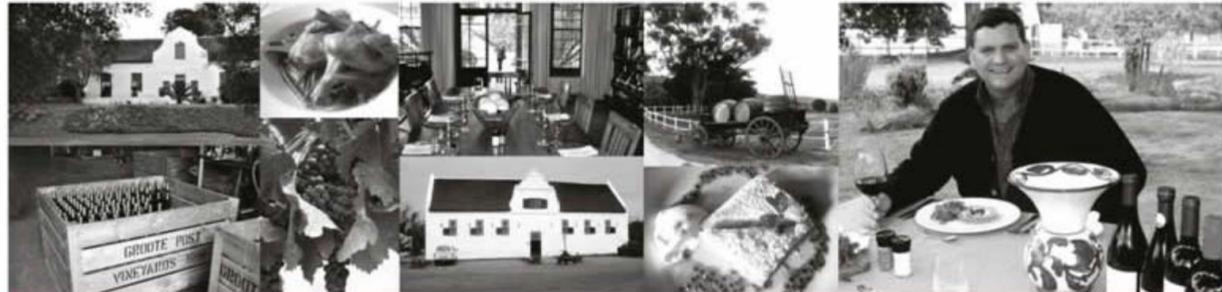


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June 2012

Some thoughts from Nick...

My Dad, The Old Man Of Groote Post, is often asked how it is being a Wine Farmer after having spent 50 years as a Dairy Farmer. His reply is that over all his years in the Dairy Industry no one ever came up to him in the street and said "Peter, last night I had a great bottle of your milk".

The onset of winter has seen our new vintage of Merlot and Shiraz being released, both continuing our quality commitment to accessible red with wonderful fruit.

I attended the Gugulethu Wine Show for the first time as an exhibitor and what a good turnout of visitors, many of whom were avid Groote Post fans. It was exciting to show our wines in this relatively new market.

Till next time,

Nick



Photo Courtesy of Rudolph Willemsse

Port Jackson project...

At Groote Post we have an ongoing project to cut down and remove alien plants growing on the property. We remove around 10HA of alien plant every winter.

A Native of south-western Australia, the Port Jackson is a member of the Legume family. It was originally deliberately imported and planted to stabilize sand dunes, but has now become a runaway menace.

The control of Port Jackson is not simple as the wretched plant coppices readily, after being cut down or burnt, which results in an even greater proliferation of plant material. The Plant and its roots must be removed entirely or an approved chemical herbicide must be painted onto the cut area.

In areas where we have cleared Port Jackson, it is wonderful to see how the natural fynbos is once again thriving (see last picture).



Father's Day Special offers...

Buy any 12 bottles of The Old Man's Blend White 2012 and or 12 bottles of The Old Man's Blend Red 2011 and get a free Magnum bottle of The Old Man's Blend Red.



The Old Man Peter Pentz



Facebook Competition...

To stand a chance to win a 3L of The Old Man's Blend Red in a Wooden Box specially signed by the Old Man Peter Pentz.

Like Groote Post Vineyards on Facebook and tag Groote Post in a photo of yourself with The Old Man's Blend Red or The Old Man's Blend White to stand a chance to win.



Jannie in his winning vineyard block

100.5% score for Sauvignon Blanc Vineyard Block...

What must be a first in South Africa, Our Groote Post Sauvignon Blanc Vineyards Block received a winning score of 100.5% in the Vinpro Vineyard Block Competition.

Well done to Jannie and his team on this tremendous achievement.

The Vineyards Block was judged by a panel of 7 judges, all of whom have vast viticultural experience and knowledge.

The Vineyard Block was judged on the following criteria: Soil Type and soil preparation, vine root development, choice of vine clone and rootstock, vine shoot development, canopy management, cropping level, irrigation management, spray program and pest control.



What's on... Out and about...

We are bringing our wines to you at the following venues:

CAPE TOWN

- **15 June 2012: Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show Tastings** @ CTICC, 16:00 – 20:30. Convention Square, Ball Room West, 1 Lower Long Street, Cape Town. Bookings @ Computicket

PLETTENBERG BAY

- **9 July: Meet the Winemaker** @ Scotty's Gourmet Restaurant, 82 Longships Drive, Treillage House, Plettenberg Bay. To book phone Tel: 044 533 4945

MOSSELBAY

- **12 July 2012: Meet the Winemaker** @ Fynbos Gourmet Restaurant, 31 Marsh Street, Dana Bay. To book phone Tel: 044 691 1366



Cornelius Booyesen

Huldeblyk aan Kerneels...

Huldeblyk aan Cornelius Booyesen

Ek skryf hierdie huldeblyk omdat ek hartseer is maar ook bevoorreg was om n sekere deel van my lewe saam met so 'n besonderse persoon, bevoorreg as n sekere spandeer. Vir ons was hy n kollega en n vriend, vir sy familie was hy n wonderlike vader, vir die gemeenskap was sy betrokkenheid so nodig en inspirerend.

Sy verlies los n groot leemte in die kelder maar sy lag en vriendelikheid, opregtheid, hardwerkendheid en getrouheid sal ons verewig byly.

Ek het my groot WP ondersteuner maat verloor, maar ek sal verewig dankbaar bly vir sy bydrae tot die plaas en ons almal se lewens hier.

Rus in vrede ons groot Tuffy vriend.

Lukas Wentzel namens die Groote Post Span

Groote Post Attractions: Wine Tasting ~ Farm Drives ~ Restaurant ~ Weddings

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