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## Some thoughts from Nick...

The wine business certainly does have its perks, not the least of which is the great people you meet and the most stunning places you get to visit. This is so often combined with delicious food paired to our Groote Post wines. One such a gem was my visit to De Oudekraal County Estate and Spa, situated 40km south of Bloemfontein. Gerhard and Marie were our hosts and the wine gourmet treat that they rolled out was world class. Look out for their Wildskosfees on the 2nd Saturday of June every year.

Till next time,

Nick



De Oudekraal County Estate and Spa



## New Bull...

Groote Post is also home to our Red and Black Angus Beef stud. In our endeavours to keep on improving the genetic base of our herd, we make use of artificial insemination, using genetics from some of the best bulls the Angus world has to offer. We also buy in bulls from time to time from reputable Angus breeders in South Africa. Last month The Old Man, Peter purchased a fine Red Angus bull from the Free State Mequatling stud of Philip and Vicky Barnard. *Wild Fire*, seen pictured here, is a quality addition to the Groote Post herd and will soon be put to service, after a short adaptation period from Cheetah Country to Stormer Territory.

## Wine Awards...

Our Groote Post Sauvignon Blanc 2012 yet again made its mark as one of the very best examples of this varietal in the country by winning a **FNB Top 10 award** for the 4th time out of the 6 years that this contest has been held.

It is very rewarding to get recognition in categories were very few do, namely Merlot and Pinot Noir. Our 2011 Merlot received a Diamond Award from the **Winemakers Choice Awards**. The judges panel here is made up only by winemakers. Our 2009 Reserve Pinot Noir was the only Pinot Noir to get a gold medal at the **Veritas Wine Awards**.

The **Michelangelo International Wine Awards** honoured our 2012 Sauvignon Blanc and our 2011 Shiraz with gold medals.

### Michelangelo Awards 2012

- Groote Post 2012 Sauvignon Blanc - GOLD
- Groote Post 2011 Shiraz - GOLD
- Groote Post 2012 Reserve Sauvignon Blanc - SILVER



### Veritas Awards 2012

- Groote Post 2009 Reserve Pinot Noir - GOLD
- Groote Post 2011 Merlot - SILVER
- Groote Post 2011 Shiraz - SILVER
- Groote Post 2012 Reserve Sauvignon Blanc - SILVER
- Groote Post 2011 Unwooded Chardonnay - BRONZE
- Groote Post 2011 Reserve Chardonnay - BRONZE
- Groote Post 2012 Sauvignon Blanc - Bronze
- Groote Post 2012 Woolworths Reserve Sauvignon Blanc - BRONZE



Since the first **Top 10 Sauvignon Blanc competition** six years ago, Groote Post have been honoured with a Top 10 placing four times.

- **2007 Wine Magazine Tops At Spar Sauvignon Blanc Top 10:**  
2007 Groote Post Reserve Sauvignon Blanc

- **2008 Wine Magazine, Tops At Spar Sauvignon Blanc Top Ten:**  
2007 Woolworths Reserve Groote Post Sauvignon Blanc

- **2010 Wine Magazine Top 10 Sauvignon Blanc:**  
2009 Groote Post Reserve Sauvignon Blanc

- **2012 FNB Top 10 Sauvignon Blanc:**  
2012 Groote Post Sauvignon Blanc



### Winemakers Choice Awards 2012

- Groote Post 2011 Merlot - Diamond Award



## Winemakers Table...

Lukas has come up with a fun and very interesting format called "*The Winemaker's Table*". The first such day saw us taking on 7 Sauvignon Blancs from local producers as well as from abroad. This was followed by a 3 course lunch, which Debbie paired to 3 of our Groote Post Sauvignons, new and old.

The interaction between winemaker and guests was informal and more often than not bordered on hilarious. The Pinot Noir day that followed was, as is the mysterious Burgundy gem, a winelover's treat.

## New Wine Releases...

### Groote Post The Old Man's Blend White 2012

Definitely a summer wine. Clean and crisp displaying the freshness and citrus tang on the nose of Sauvignon Blanc. Good fruit intensity from the Chenin Blanc and depth from our Semillon. Complementary Granny Smith apple and tropical fruit flavours on the palate that are sure to develop into a terrific value for money crowd pleaser.

### Groote Post Sauvignon Blanc 2012

An explosion of fruit driven by lime, gooseberry and kiwi fruit, is underpinned by a thread of minerality. A lively wine with an intense palate that lingers making this a pleaser for any occasion.

### Groote Post Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2012

An established, award-winning pedigree. Stacked with flavours of granadella, green fig and green pepper, this wine displays the typical Darling minerality that makes this area's Sauvignons so stand out. A full and lingering finish that is well rounded and a perfect food match.

### Groote Post Chenin Blanc 2012

A bright, full-styled Chenin with strong guava and green apple flavours. A lively freshness is underlined by a very good length and body on the palate. Excellent value for money.



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## Groote Post gaan kyk toets op Nuweland...

Hier by ons, soos dit die geval is in groot dele van Suid-Afrika, is die manne baie passievol oor hulle rugby. Ons het self ons eie rugbyspan op die plaas, die Young Blues.

Jannie de Clerk, ons wingerbestuurder het die inisiatief vroeg die jaar geneem en besluit dat die manne 'n bietjie rugby op Nuweland moet gaan kyk. Die datum is toe vasgemaak vir Saterdag 18 Augustus, die toets tussen Suid-Afrika en die Argentyne.

'n Mens kon die opwinding aanvoel toe ons hier wegtrek in ons konvooi van Toyota Hilux Bakkies. By Nuweland aangekom moes ons toe nog wag vir die hekke om oop te maak en dit het die manne se geduld deeglik beproef. Alles was egter vergeet na 'n paar pakkies chips 'n doughnut en 'n Coke. Die vlae is gewaai, ons het saam gesing, "ge-mexicanwave" en natuurlik het die bokke die wedstryd gewen.

Wat 'n onvergeetlike dag vir ons almal, wat ons saam as 'n Groote Post span kon geniet.



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*\*Offer ends 30th of November 2012*

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