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## Some thoughts from Nick...

Over the last few months I have done wine sales trips to Europe and The United States. Going into the Northern Hemisphere winter had temperatures dropping as low as -5 degrees celsius. Our wines however had a warm welcome and were well received wherever I went.

Back at home we have started picking our vintage 2013 grapes, starting a few days later than 2012. Every year has different growing conditions, making each vintage a unique challenge in all management aspects.

Here's to a great 2013 full of many wine moments.

Till next time,

*Nick*



## Harvest Update...

Despite a very hot and windy December, conditions are looking excellent for top quality fruit this year and if the Sauvignon Blanc that has been harvested to date is anything to go by, perhaps as good as 2009. This is due to good rains during winter and resultant healthy vines. Moderate temperatures during harvest period will also contribute to an exceptional vintage.

- Lukas Wentzel

## Groote Post's 2012 Riesling A Winner...

The recently released 2012 Groote Post Riesling has shown itself to be a winner: as the only Riesling to have been nominated for a 2013 Platter's wine guide 5 star rating.

The 2012 Groote Post Riesling is a typical young Riesling, with none of that oily terpene character yet. It is fragrant with wafts of honeysuckle and jasmine. The palate is fresh and spicy and somewhat exotic with gorgeous apple and apricot notes and a touch of ginger. Semi-sweet and well rounded, it displays the cool climate aspects of Darling.

The 2012 Groote Post Riesling is available nationally at leading restaurants and fine wine merchants, retailing at approximately R70.



## Thank You Santa Shoe Box Project...

Dear Santa Shoebox Project

We, at Groote Post, want to thank the team that worked so hard to bring joy to our children. On the 23rd of November the Celebration was held. The children sang Christmas carols and danced after which the presents were handed out. Our children were very excited to receive the gifts and enjoyed opening their presents and taking out the delights inside.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Groote Post is very thankful to the organizers of the Santa Shoebox project for making this festive season a touch more special for our children.

Kind Regards,  
Groote Post Team

## Uitstappie na Ratanga Junction...

Ons was per Vragmotor Verhoer. Die bestuurder van die plaas Mnr. Jannie De Klerk en Wimpie het ons uitgeneem vir die dag. Baie mense het dit geniet en baie was kreesbevalle op die Kobra. Die Kas was lekker en ons het dit geniet. Die Monkey Falls was net so lekker. Dit het vir ons geboel ons gaan uittoel met die affkoms van die bootjie. Die boot was in naderheid op ons maag, ons het die dag geniet. ons hoop daar is in volgende keer nog so 'n uitstappie.

- geskryf deur die Groote Post Span



## Groote Post Wine Tasting in Klerksdorp...

One of the great things of being in the wine industry is the fantastic people you meet. Exactly this happened at one of our winemakers table tastings. I met two couples from Klerksdorp, they enjoyed the wines so much that they contacted me to do a wine tasting in Klerksdorp on my next visit to Gauteng. This happened sooner than we thought and during one of my visits in Gauteng we also organized a tasting in Klerksdorp.

What a fantastic evening it was, this happens when you put happy singing people, good wine and good food together. Not even rain could damper the evening. It was such an enjoyable evening that they even convinced me to go running with some of them the next morning at five o'clock.

I want to thank my new friends in Klerksdorp and I am sure I will see you soon. Special thanks to Tony and Elsa Gill, Anne and Herman Botha and Rosemary's Restaurant.



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