



SUMMER TIME WINE

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15-16 MARCH 2013 Simon's at Groot Constantia

The best way to chill this summer!

For those who love good food, mighty fine wines, mixed up with some music and history please join us on at the WineStyle Summer Party at Simon's Restaurant on Groot Constantia Estate on 15 and 16 March. Four of our range of 10 wines will be available for tasting and sales. Entrance tickets cost R100. Come dressed in white.

And just in case our Gauteng customers are feeling left out, Elgin Vintners will be at the Joburg Wine Show in May.

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The harvest is now in full swing. Everywhere in Elgin you see teams of people harvesting the bounty of our valley. The Golden Delicious apples have ripened at the same time as our Sauvignon Blanc and typically in one of the hottest weeks of the year. Sauvignon Blanc grapes are renowned for their volatile aromatics so the picking teams are up well before dawn and ready in the vineyards to harvest before the heat of the day.





The perfect Sauvignon Blanc bunch of grapes

Harvesting Sauvignon Blanc

At Elgin Vintners we aim to pick the required tonnage before 10.30 am and get the grapes delivered to the cellar whilst they are still cool. This makes the winemaker's job so much easier. This year we are vinifying all our Sauvignon Blanc at the Almenkerk Wine Cellar in Elgin. This means a very short trip for our grapes. I'm sure this will translate into a wine that reflects the slow, cool season and will result in a wine whose aromas will burst out of your glass and quite literally enchant you.

For lovers of Sauvignon Blanc we are in the quite unique position of being able to offer you a gift box comprised of a vertical collection of Sauvignon Blanc - 2 bottles of 2010, 2 bottles of 2011 and 2 bottles of 2012. (R500 per gift box)

For those who enjoy older wines we also have limited quantities of the 2008 and 2009 vintages available.

The gift box option is sadly limited to the Western Cape only. However I can always arrange a mixed case packed in our standard bright orange cardboard box for our Gauteng customers. Simply complete the attached pricelist and email or fax your order to elginvintner@mweb.co.za or 086-646 3693



A grape that I have found intriguing is Pinot Noir. Our Pinot Noir winemaker, Gavin Patterson takes those tiny bunches of small dark berries and crafts the juice into a wine that entices you on to a journey of subtle flavours. The 2010 vintage displays red cherries, ripe strawberries and even a hint of violets on the nose. It is a charming, elegant wine that displays succulent clean fruit on the palate and is now starting to develop those secondary flavours that we look for in a Pinot Noir.





Pinot Noir ready for delivery

Winemaker Gavin Patterson at work

Elgin Vintners will be participating in the Pinot Noir Festival at The Vineyard Hotel, Newlands, Cape Town. Come and join us at The Vineyard Hotel's Pinot Noir Festival on Sunday 14th April, 2 - 5pm. You can taste the Elgin Vintners 2010 Pinot Noir and if you ask nicely we will give you a sneak preview of the 2011 vintage too!

Until next time,









