



IT'S JULY FEVER AT AVONTUUR....

Winter may be unfurling its freezing temperatures in the Winelands, but the heat is up at Avontuur with the Vodacom Durban July coming up at the beginning of July and then at the end of July we're planning an "Oratorio Day", where a selection of his first progeny will be shown off to an invited crowd. In the winery, we are bottling and labelling new vintages every week, and our tasting room and restaurant is kept busy with exciting happenings, all of which we'd love to share with you.

STUD NEWS



Legal Eagle as a Yearling at Avontuur, before travelling up to Johannesburg for the 2013 Emperor's Palace National Yearling Sale.

LEGAL EAGLE IS FAVOURITE FOR THE JULY

The new Vodacom Durban July favourite, Avontuur-bred Legal Eagle (Grey's Inn x Young Sensation) will almost certainly be the best weighted horse on paper that the Vodacom Durban July has seen since merit ratings were introduced to South Africa in 1999, as the handicappers have raised him eight points to 120 for his 4,3 length romp in the Gr 3 Jubilee Handicap over 1800m on Sunday, and on form he looks to be worth every one of those points.

His July weight will remain unaltered on 54kg, because the weights were published in the week before the Jubilee Handicap. This means he will be 4kg better off than he should be in a true handicap. He will be 3kg better off than he would be if the weights had been set after the Jubilee, because the maximum weight for a three-year-old in the July is 57kg.

We are excited to be part of the biggest race in South Africa, and wish the owners, jockey and trainer heaps of luck in this thrilling event.

WINERY NEWS

NEW WINES ON THE "WAITING LIST"

We're hoping to release the new Luna de Miel Chardonnay Reserve 2014 this month, which was tasted and rated at 90+/100 recently by Master of Wine Dave March, who commented; "Already there is a tinge of pale gold on such a young wine, and the nose confirms use of new oak but through that comes bright, perfumed citrus fruit which include lemon and grapefruit which pierce through the creamy woody notes. A touch of Viognier no doubt helps that hint of the exotic.

The palate is full and mouth-filling, alcohol is indiscernible and at first there is oak and cream but that clears and again, ripe and

clean citrus notes linger. Lots of melon, ripe peach and tangy pear show at the finish, suggesting that the wine will mature nicely as the oak settles, bringing everything into balance and offering a serious, full-on wine with quality fruit and some impact. Not too bold, though, there is a precision in the fruit that points to a wine of finesse rather than brute force. A touch more fine and controlled than 2013 just needing more time." The wine is available from the tasting room at R125 per bottle.

Other new releases coming up include the Pinotage 2013 and the Cabernet Franc 2011.



CAB FRANC CARNIVAL BRINGS NICHE VARIETAL TO LIGHT

The inaugural Cabernet Franc Carnival held at Avontuur Estate on Saturday, 20 June was a classy event with lovers of this varietal tasting some of the best of South Africa, from the 13 participating wineries. Avontuur was proud to present this prestigious event and hope to continue building on the success. Three lucky "voters" won boxes of wine on the day. They are Suzy Digby-Smith and runners-up Francois Breed and Gabriel Du Toit.

Here Western Cape Sales Representative Schalk Honeyman poses with some of the happy tasters!

2ND TANK & BARREL TASTING WITH WINEMAKER PLANNED

On Saturday, 25 July from 11h00 till 12h30, we're spending some quality time with our winemaker Jan van Rooyen who will be presenting a tank and barrel tasting and sharing some of his winemaking secrets with a small group of wine lovers. Arrive to a welcome drink, enjoy the tasting with Jan, and relax with a light lunch & a glass of wine, and something sweet afterwards.

The cost is R100 pp, and booking is essential at winery@avontuurestate.co.za



WINTER WINE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TILL END-JULY

Make sure you grab a case or two of the five Estate Range wines participating in the annual Winter Warmers Retail campaign which is currently running in selected stores in Gauteng and the Western Cape.

And if you're a regular visitor to the Estate, feel free to pop in and enjoy the wines as a weekly special in the Tasting Room.

Visit our website to see if the promotion is on in a store near you.



AVONTUUR ESTATE

WINTER WARMERS

“A range of wines to serve with pride at any occasion”
Jan van Rooyen, winemaker



Available in selected stores in the Western Cape & Gauteng
Visit www.avontuurestate.co.za to find the store nearest to you.

1 June to 31 July



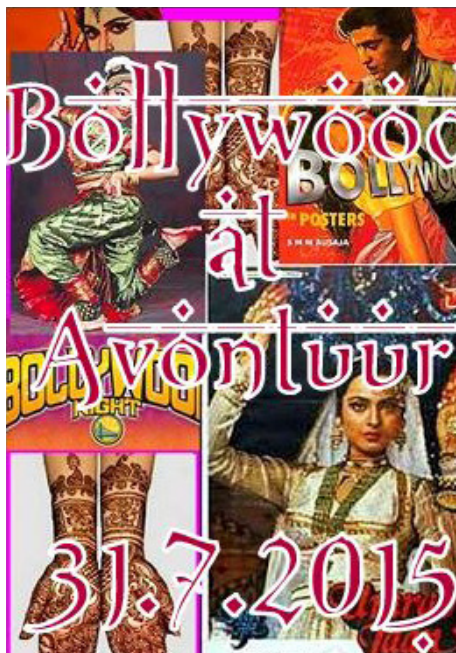
BOLLYWOOD COMES TO AVONTUUR

In keeping with the Durban July theme of this newsletter, join us for an Indian-inspired evening full of flavour, feasting and fragrance on Saturday, 31 July from 18h30 till late. Winter is the perfect time to enjoy aromatic curries and this themed evening is sure to delight.

Dress up in your glam Indian gear, don your bindi and join us for a great evening to keep the winter chill at bay.

The cost is R220 per person (excludes drinks and service fee) and a 50% deposit secures your table.

Bookings: openhands@polka.co.za
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RESTAURANT NEWS

NETWORK BREAKFAST NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS.

Plan your diary to join us on Wednesday, 8 July from 08h30-10h00 for the monthly Business Breakfast. The speaker is Tatjana Mihajlov Pilbeam, the developer of the 'Go Beauty' cell phone app.

She will report back on her meteoric journey from conceptualisation to the launch of an app that has taken SA by storm.

Investment: R130 pp. Bookings essential.