



MARCH 2016



RED, RED WINE...EVERYWHERE!

The grape harvest is in full swing with the last of the Cabernets and the Petit Verdot to still come into the cellar before the end of this year's intake. The cellar is full of fermentation aroma's and the bins are bubbling with deep red grape juice. We've been tasting some of the brand-new freshly fermented Sauvignon Blanc and winemaker Jan van Rooyen is having fun finalising the final taste profile of the 2015 Luna de Miel, as it's "business as usual" for the normal work like blending, bottling and labelling.



Chocolates and wine, perfect for Easter.

EASTER IN THE TASTING ROOM

We're kicking off this month with a new chocolate and wine pairing in the tasting room. This replaces the popular nougat and biltong pairings which will be revamped for Summer season. The cost is R60 per person and bookings are not needed, although if you're planning to arrive in a large group, it's more efficient to phone ahead.



WINERY

Our specials for March range from white wines for the last of summer, to our Magnums (R120 per bottle instead of the usual R150) which is just the perfect size for those big family get togethers over the holiday period. Grab a 3-pack of the 2015 Estate Sauvignon Blanc for only R150, instead of R195.



Easter eggs and red wine make for an Easter-themed vibe in our tasting room.

Easter weekend is always a great time to visit Avontuur as the weather is usually cooler, but still crisp and sunny and there's few things more spectacular than sitting outside on the terrace overlooking the paddocks, with a glass or two of our finest. The Tasting Room will be presenting some specially made choc cupcakes for the occasion, which will be paired with a glass of rich, red Above Royalty Liqueur Wine for only R20 per pairing.

Just remember that we are closed on Good Friday, 25 March, but we're open on all the other public holidays during the month.

LIVE MUSIC TO END AFTER 1 APRIL

Our last summer season live music evening is on Friday 1 April with local favourite James Saunders who will be performing on the terrace in front of the winery. Entry is free but tables have to be booked at winery@avontuurestate.co.za. [Read more on our website...](#)



CAB FRANC CHALLENGE LAUNCHED TO PROMOTE VARIETAL

As the sponsor of the annual Cabernet Franc Carnival, which takes place at Avontuur Estate on Saturday, 21 May from 11h00-17h00, the launch of the first-ever Cab Franc Challenge, linked to this exciting varietal, drew positive responses from the industry with nearly 30 wines entered to date. [Read more on our website...](#)

EXCITING YEARLING SALES COMING UP

We're supporting the Yearling Sales with with some great yearlings this year. We're starting off with two fillies for the Durbanville sale on 19 and 20 March, and five colts will fly our flag at the new Emperor's Sale in Joburg on 16 April, with the rest of the group travelling up to Gauteng for the National Yearling Sale at end-April. [Read more on our website...](#)



MISS FRANKEL FACEBOOK PAGE KEEPS GROWING

Our divine Miss F just keeps on making new friends in real life – and on facebook! Recently she had a visit from two of our favourite jocks, MJ Byleveld and Greg Cheyne, whose crutches fascinated all the curious young ones. Like her page on facebook.com/frankelfilly and keep up to date with her moves.

Greg and MJ "flirted" with Miss Frankel.



POPULAR BREAKFAST CLUB MORNINGS KICK OFF AGAIN

The Breakfast club kicks off on Wednesday 9 March with a fascinating talk by Louise Woudberg about how to handle the "Waves of uncertainty..." which we all have to deal with at certain times. Contact openhand@polka.co.za or +27 21 855-4296 to book as seats are limited.