



#### GAUTENG YEARLING SALES COMING UP

April and early May is a very important time in our lives as two of the most important yearling sales are coming up. On 21 April the Emperor's Palace Select Yearling Sale takes place for which we have three outstanding colts on offer. The two Oratorio's are Lot no 153 called Cue the Music, who is a half-brother to sprint queen Val de Ra and then there is Lot 84, Dickens who is out of Stakes winning mare Classique Story. Our Var colt is Lot no 32 Cizeron out of champion race mare Sarabande who looks like a speedster already.

From 3 to 5 May the action moves to the TBA Sales Complex in Germiston for the National Yearling Sale. We'd love you to visit us at the various venues or if you want to have a sneak preview contact GM Pippa Mickleburgh at **stud@avontuurestate.co.za**. **To find out more visit the Sales Page on our website.** 



The last bin of the 2017 harvest! Lorenzo Davids, Jan van Rooyen, Melvin Williams and Elmarie Matthyse celebrate!



# WINERY NEWS

The 2017 harvest officially came to an end at 13h00 on Monday, 27 March when a tired but happy vineyard and cellar team brought in the last bins full of grapes. It was a much larger than usual harvest and



we look forward to seeing the results now that it's mostly in the hands of winemaker Jan van Rooyen and his cellar team. **Visit our website to see the harvest teams.** 

## AUTUMN IS PERFECT FOR WALK/WINE COMBO!

With cooler weather definitely on the horizon, it's the perfect time of the year to try our self-guided Farm Walk/ Confectionary Tasting combo. At only R100 pp this is the most fun you can have for an hour or two!

### NEW SALES TEAM FOR GAUTENG

We're pleased to welcome Heinrich Adams-Witbooi and Roderick Smith from "Mind my Wine" to our team in Gauteng. Part of their mandate is to offer corporate and wine club tastings, as well as present our wines at events, festivals and markets. Feel free to get hold of them at **heinrichaw@mindmywine.co.za** any time you want to taste or buy some Avontuur wine.





Above Royalty makes a great gift.

# TASTING ROOM AND E-MAIL OFFERS

We're keen to enjoy the last of the summer with an ice cold glass of Avontuur Sauvignon Blanc 2016. Grab a 3-pack from our tasting room for only R180 (Normal price R204). You can also decide to get ready for those cooler evenings with a bottle or two of our fortified Liqueur Wine Above Royalty in its glamorous black and gold box for only R100 each. (Normal price R110).

Both offers can be ordered from Ella or Marcelle at **winery@avontuurestate.co.za**. Obviously if we courier it, it makes sense to order per 6-bottle case, and remember the special price excludes delivery.

## CABERNET FRANC 2011 SOON SOLD OUT

We know we have quite a few red wine lovers out there who prefer a well-aged wine and our 2011 Cabernet Franc will be perfect for you! We have a few cases of this wine left over and before it disappears into the Vinoteque, we suggest you pop into the tasting room, order on-line from our wine shop or contact Ella and Marcelle directly to sort out a delivery.



BREAKFAST CLUB TEACHES OUT-OF THE BOX THINKING On Wednesday

12/4 Melanie Britz tackles the interesting subject of climbing out of the box and living authentically. 'Embrace your uniqueness- be a platypus in a world full of ducks' is the name of her talk – and it sounds fascinating. Bookings essential at **openhand@polka.co.za** or +27 21 855-4296. Cost R150pp.





### PUBLIC HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

With April and May filled with public holidays, we're only closed on Good Friday. All other public holidays will see us at our posts and ready to host our guests and visitors.

We look forward to seeing you at the Tasting Room and Restaurant.