



Spring 2013 Newsletter

Well, this certainly has been an amazing year for our small family winery...

Press

To get the chest-beating out the way first, highlights in the press this year have been:

- Inclusion as one (out of a total of 12) of Tim Atkin's list of **South African First Growth Wineries**.
- Being awarded 5 Stars for 4 of our wines and being nominated as the Platter's South African Winery of the year for 2014! An incredible achievement for such a small and relatively new winery. **More on this news here**. Platter's says that we are now "*firmly in the league of the greatest modern-era wineries*" in South Africa. Pretty cool! Our 5 Star wines usually sell out very quickly and are limited to a few bottles per customer. If you would like to get your hands on any of the wines, **email Nicola**.
- We also received the joint highest ratings for any South African Red (95/100 for our 2011 Granite Syrah) and Sweet wines (97/100 for our 2011 Straw Wine) in the Wine Advocate's Annual **South African Report**, with all our Mullineux wines rating between 90 - 97/100, and our Kloof Street Rouge also rating 90 – fantastic for a wine at this price point.

To keep right up-to-date, you can follow us on **Twitter** (@mullineuxwines) or visit our **Facebook Page**

2013 Harvest Report

Then, back to the beginning of the year. 2013 harvest was without doubt our most complex and challenging to date. The season was the culmination of 3 consecutive dry years, so yields were down and ripeness was a very uneven in some parcels. We also had the risk of lower acidities in certain blocks, so we had to pick carefully to avoid greenness, and be certain to harvest before the grapes lost their freshness.



However, this harvest was our biggest to date – 117 tons, compared to 34 tons in our first vintage, as we are now working with 31 different parcels of vines, up from the 9 parcels we originally started with.

Viticulture

In 2013 we were excited to have an addition to our work force. In our efforts to continually improve everything we do, we have employed South Africa's most respected viticulturist, Rosa Kruger.

Rosa brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, especially working with older vineyards and we look forward to working with her to improve and broaden the range of parcels of vines we work with.

Our Single Terroir Range continues to grow.

Last year we introduced our Single Terroir range of wines, the Granite and the Schist Syrah's. This year we have added a Chenin blanc called the Schist Chenin, and it has quickly gained a lot of interest, rating 5 Stars in Platters and 92/100 in the Wine Advocate.

Only 1000 bottles of each of the Single Terroir wines are made each vintage, and quickly sell out. Customers are currently limited to a couple of bottles of each. For orders [email Nicola](#)

Andrea joins the Cape Winemakers Guild

We were also pleased to hear that Andrea had been invited to be a member of the Cape Winemakers Guild – a grouping of South Africa's most prestigious and well regarded winemakers.

Andrea is working on a couple of exciting 2013 Vintage wines to submit to the CWG auction from 2014 onwards.



Wine Club

Our Wine Club continues to grow. Some of the interesting wines we shipped include a Natural Chenin made with absolutely nothing added (except grapes!!), a Mourvèdre and a Clairette Blanche Methode Ancestrale (an ancient style of Sparkling Wine). Tasting notes for all previous deliveries can be found [here](#).

In the pipeline for next year is a skin-contact Chenin, a Carignan and a Grenache as well as a Cinsault Rose. In addition to the special wine club bottlings, Wine Club Members, receive a 15% discount on all cases, and free delivery in major areas of South Africa.

To join or find out more about the Wine Club, click [here](#).

Change of Partners

Most recently – a couple of weeks ago in fact - we said to say goodbye to Keith Prothero as a shareholder of our winery. Keith has been an amazing supporter of ours, but he has decided to move on to other ventures, and we remain very good friends.

On the (very!) bright side, Keith sold his shares to a dynamic and highly respected businessman, Mr Analjit Singh.

This partnership opens the door for many exciting opportunities. There will be no changes to our Mullineux or Kloof Street ranges of wines, but our new Team looks forward to working together to consolidate and build on what we have achieved to date!

Thanks again for your support over the last few years. We value it greatly, and wish you the best for the Holiday season.

Cheers!

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