

MULLINEUX & LEEU

FAMILY WINES

Welcome to our Spring 2015 newsletter - as always, we have a lot to update you on!

MOVING AND SETTLING

It has been a super busy year, and many will be aware that we have closed our cellar in the middle of Riebeek Kasteel. We are now operating between Roundstone farm, our base in the Swartland, and at Leeu Estate in Franschoek.



Roundstone Farm – Chris and Andrea have moved onto Roundstone, and things are progressing really well there. Though we have been purchasing grapes and involved in the farming of the property for 8 years, now that we own the property and are in complete control we are taking things to the next level. The existing vineyards have been completely mulched, and we have stopped using any Herbicides or Pesticides on them. Our plan is to convert the farm to Organic certification.

We have also been carefully planning a 6 year planting program, and started last week with the first 6 hectares of vines – Chenin blanc, Clairette blanche, Cinsault and Grenache noir. We are also busy with plans to expand the cellar on Roundstone and put up a tasting room, but these will only be ready for harvest 2017. In the meantime, we are open for tastings **by appointment**.



In Franschoek we are creating a completely new range of wines. Together with our viticulturist Rosa we are sourcing fruit from what we think are the best (and some of the oldest - the pic above is a Cinsault vineyard planted in 1900!) vineyards around the Cape, and the first wines will be launched at the end of 2016. We are really excited to see the progress at Leeu Estate, the beautiful property Bas is developing there. Our Tasting Room on Leeu Estate in Franschoek will be opening when the estate opens on 1 March 2016. This will be open 7 days a week. In the meantime we are open Mondays to Fridays **by appointment**

RECENT PRESS

Tim Atkin recently released his **2015 South African Report**, and we were honoured to once again be included as a South African First growth, and receive scores of between 92 and 96 for all the wines in our Mullineux range.

NEW RELEASES

We have recently released a new wine, our Olerasay Straw Wine. The Olerasay is essentially a solera made up of 7 consecutive vintages of our Straw Wine. Each year we have kept a few barrels of our Straw Wine back and blended them together. To order the wine, please **contact Nicola**.

This month we will be releasing the next vintages of our Single Terroir wines. This year we have a Schist and an Iron Syrah, as well as a first release of a Granite Chenin to go with the Schist and Quartz Chenins. These wines are very limited in production and sell out quickly, so to make sure you receive some, **contact Nicola** or find a distributor in your country **here**. Priority is given to **Wine Club members!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

For those based in the UK there are a couple of very exciting South African wine tastings in London happening later in September. Private Customers click **here** and Trade Customers click **here** for more info. This is going to be an absolutely incredible line up of the most exciting producers from South Africa, and we urge you to come taste and discover the great things happening in the Cape Winelands

The 6th Swartland Revolution is happening on the 6th and 7th November. Tickets for the festival sold out a few months ago, but we hope to see many of you there. We have some fascinating seminars lined up, including John Platter himself, who will be coming out of retirement later this year and launching a new book at the Revolution, and another seminar presented by one of California's most exciting wine producers, Pax Mahle.

Andrea is once again taking part in the Cape Winemakers Guild Auction on 3rd October. This year she has a Chenin Blanc on auction along with her very rare Semillon Gris

The week of 14 to 18 September will see hundreds of International Wine Trade out in South Africa for **Cape Wine 2015**. We look forward to seeing many of our international customers there. For attendees and also local consumers, we are taking part in a **Wine Car Boot Sale** which will be an extremely fun day out for everyone on Sunday 13th September at Journey's End winery.

Wine Club Member Pick-up Parties are being held in Johannesburg at 6pm on Monday, 5th October at Ace & Pearl wine bar on Jan Smuts, and at Roundstone Farm at midday on Saturday, 10th October. Nicola will contact members with more details. For more details on our Wine Club and the benefits of joining, **click here**.

Busy Times ahead, and we hope to see you at some of the events!

Thank you all for your support by drinking our wines and **tweeting**/telling others about them! We love making beautiful wines and it's great to know they are being enjoyed around the world.

If you're in the Northern Hemisphere, enjoy the rest of your summer, and if you're in the South, hopefully winter won't last too much longer! We're already seeing the first of the spring flowers on Roundstone!

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