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Tasting Room Hours

If you are in the Cape over the next few months, we would like to invite you to our new Tasting room.

The opening times from September to May are:

Weekdays 09:00 to 17:00
Saturdays 10:00 to 14:00
Sundays 11:00 to 14:00

The Doolhof Tasting Room is now open 7 days per week and light lunches will be offered from mid-October. The menu is available on the estate's website: www.doolhof.com as are all comprehensive details about Doolhof Wine Estate and its activities.



Two firsts for Doolhof! The launch of The Minotaur - in the graceful ambience of Grand Dédale

On the 1st and 3rd of October 2009, Doolhof launched its top, new, blended red wine, The Minotaur of the Labyrinth, to an appreciative audience of Press and Denizens of Doolhof at two luncheons hosted in the newly opened Grand Dédale Country House on the estate.

This wine, the estate's ultra-premium offering, is a marvellously integrated blend of premium red varieties from the best vineyards on Doolhof Wine Estate. Alongside Merlot, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon, are Petit Verdot, Shiraz and Pinotage.

Doolhof is the Afrikaans word for labyrinth, hence naming the estate's top wine after the ancient Cretan tale of King Minos's Labyrinth.

The Minotaur, a creature half man, half bull, was the result of forbidden love between Pasiphae and Poseidon. Banished to the Labyrinth for terrorising the Cretans, he was eventually killed by Theseus, the Athenian Hero.



The wine was produced from top quality, hand picked grapes. Different grape varieties were fermented separately with extended maceration on the skins after fermentation. Only the best barrels were selected for this wine, which was matured in 225 litre French oak barrels for 14 months, before bottling in September 2008.

The Minotaur has an intense, dark plum colour with aromas and flavours of black currants, almonds, cherries and mint. It is a well balanced, full-bodied wine with well integrated tannins. Only 3 400 bottles have been produced and the wine is expected to drink well up to 2022. It has already won a gold medal - at this year's Michelangelo Wine Awards.

The Minotaur can be obtained from the Doolhof Tasting Room. Its ex-cellar price is a very competitive R180 per bottle.

Grand Dédale Country House opens its doors to guests

The historic Manor House of Doolhof has been restored and transformed into a boutique hotel comparable with the best.

Light-filled interiors filled with a mixture of exquisite antiques and contemporary items, huge, magnificent mirrors and flower arrangements, combine with world class service and facilities, to create a tranquil and private refuge from the world for the discerning traveller accustomed to the best.

Dorothy Kerrison's talent as an interior designer in the Palladian and Georgian styles is showcased in the beautiful house, while Angelo and Tina Casu's high standards as hoteliers are borne out in the service, cuisine and gracious welcome that await all guests.

Grand Dédale, the French word for grand labyrinth, opened recently and affords some of the best accommodation in the Cape Winelands.



For reservations, please contact: info@granddedale.com and visit www.granddedale.com

Offer of the Month

Doolhof's special offer this month is an enticing set of:

- four bottles of The Minotaur 2007 priced at **R720**.
- OR
- six bottles of 2008 Signatures of Doolhof unwooded Chardonnay, and six bottles of 2006 Signatures of Doolhof Cabernet Sauvignon - **R690**.

And remember...all Denizens of Doolhof receive their 15% discount on any wines purchased.

Doolhof wines continue their winning streak

Doolhof's wines continue to notch up gold medals. And the estate has every reason to believe that its 2007 Signatures of Doolhof Malbec varietal wine can compete with its Argentinian counterparts after winning four golds, two of which were double golds, in four months!

The Malbec, released in May, won gold at the Decanter World Wine Awards in London in May. It garnered a distinguished accolade as the National Winner – South African Wine Region, at the 2009 SA Terroir Wine Awards. It then won double gold medal at both the 2009 Michelangelo Wine Awards in September and the Tri Nations Wine Challenge in Sydney, Australia in August.

Doolhof's 2007 Pinotage won a double gold medal at the Michelangelo Awards, while the 2009 Signatures of Doolhof Sauvignon Blanc won silver at this competition.

Denizens of Doolhof WINE CLUB

First Denizens of Doolhof Reunion

The first really hot day of the Cape summer saw almost 50 Denizens and their guests enjoy the first Denizens Reunion.

An informal, yet elegant, wine tasting on the Tasting Room's wide verandah, followed by a three course luncheon on the stoep of Grand Dédale, plenty of laughter, jokes, shimmering heat, excellent wines - including the show-stopping The Minotaur - and fine cuisine, heralded a great start to what will become an annual reunion for all Doolhof wine club members.

See link for photographs: <http://doolhof.com/cms/imageLibrary/events/events.php>

