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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

Doolhof reveals two stunning wines

A stylish function held at an historic Newlands hotel on 6 May 2009, set the stage for the presentation of two of Doolhof's new wines, the Dark Lady of the Labyrinth and the Signatures of Doolhof Malbec – plus the relaunch of Renaissance.

Revealing a hint of seduction and a play on words (labyrinth is the English word for *Doolhof*), the Dark Lady is produced entirely from high quality Pinotage grapes. This wine will seduce palates with its intense chocolate/mocha aromas, hints of spice, almonds, black cherries and subtle, soft tannins.

High quality grapes from a selected vineyard were harvested and the wine was matured in French oak for seven months before bottling in September 2008. The resultant soft tannins ensure the wine can be enjoyed young, while the eye-catching presentation symbolises the wine's allure.

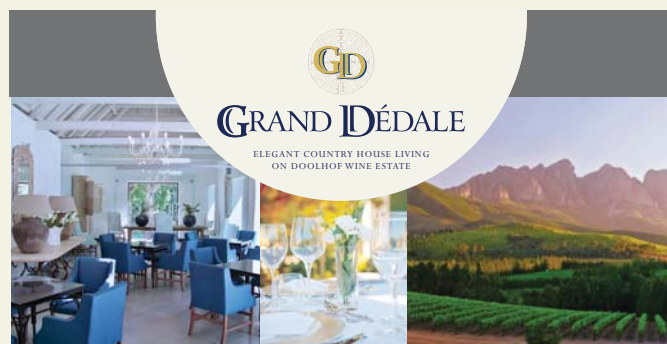
The Signatures of Doolhof range has been extended with a new addition, a 2007 Malbec. This complex, exciting wine has hints of mint and prune aromas. The grapes were hand picked and



50% of the wine was matured in new French oak barrels for 12 months, imparting to it its rich, purple colour and firm, well integrated tannins.

Only 3 415 bottles of the Malbec have been produced.

The estate's Renaissance wine has been relaunched. It received four stars in the 2009 John Platter Guide. The wine is a classic blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, with mulberry and perfumed cedar aromas and cassis on the palate, followed by a lingering aftertaste.



Grand Dédale Country House on Doolhof Wine Estate

An exclusive brand of elegant country house living, on a par with the best in Europe, will be available when Grand Dédale, situated in the historic Doolhof Manor House, opens in July.

The renovation of the deluxe facility, with sweeping views of the valley and mountains, is progressing well and is slightly ahead of schedule. It promises an experience in fine living, luxury and five star service.

To celebrate the opening of Wellington's exclusive Country House, special rates will apply from its date of inception until the 31 October 2009, to entice South African and international guests to enjoy sumptuous comfort, discreet service and complete privacy amidst beautiful scenery.

For further details about Grand Dédale, please visit the new website at www.granddedale.com

Harvest report

Doolhof enjoyed an excellent harvest in the first quarter of 2009, benefiting from last year's long, wet winter. Exceptional quality Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay grapes were harvested. The red varieties of Pinotage, Merlot, Shiraz, Cabernet franc and Cabernet Sauvignon showed brilliant, dark purple colours early on.

A complex Sauvignon Blanc was produced having an intense flavour profile. This year was excellent for Chardonnay and Doolhof produced its oaked and unoaked Chardonnay, as well as red varietal wines with increased structure, more tannins, colour and elegance.

Vineyard improvements, the right type of weather and very hard work in the cellar should result in excellent wines from the 2009 vintage.

Denizens of Doolhof WINE CLUB

Extended benefits for Denizens of Doolhof

The good news is that Doolhof has extended the benefits for its Denizens. Following feedback from several Denizens members who are unable to visit the estate on a regular basis to claim the 15% discount on cellar door prices, we have decided to extend this discount to include all purchases from the estate. Regrettably, the former free shipping offer has been discontinued, as few members made use of the offer.

An added benefit for our Denizens is that you qualify for a 10% discount at Grand Dédale Country House that opens its doors in June.

Offer of the Month

This month, we have two special offers: the rich, intense Dark Lady of the Labyrinth, a 2008 Pinotage, and the 2007 Signatures of Doolhof Malbec. The cellar door price of The Dark Lady is R60 per bottle and R80 for the Malbec. These prices represent excellent value for such distinctive wines.

Cape Boar at London's famous Harrods store

The estate's 2006 Cape Boar, a lightly oaked blend in the Bordeaux style consisting of 48% Merlot, 24% Malbec and 28% Shiraz will, once again, be featured in Harrods during a promotion this month. This easy-sipper has savoury red cherries and whiffs of oak and spice on the nose, that are followed by plum and blackberry notes on the palate. Well balanced for early enjoyment, it also has ageing potential.



Promotion at Silvertree Restaurant, Kirstenbosch



Doolhof's award winning wines will be presented as "welcome drinks" and as the table wine, during concerts held at Silvertree Restaurant in the Kirstenbosch National Botanic Gardens, on 24 May and 4 October 2009.

Andy Lund and Mission Men will perform on Sunday evening, 24 May and Josie Fields on 4 October. These concerts are well attended and provide the perfect opportunity to enjoy good music, quality wines and food in Kirstenbosch's peaceful setting.

And what better way in which to enjoy an evening out than with the Cape Roan, a red blend and the Cape Robin Rosé, a Merlot/Pinotage rosé, from Doolhof's Cape Series that celebrates several of the unique animals and birds of Southern Africa? Thus, pairing wines named after Cape fauna with the famed Kirstenbosch flora!

