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Bordeaux-style Cape Blends & Their Siblings
@ Faculty Club
Tuesday, April 24 @ 6:30 pm

With temperatures currently so low in the evenings, one substance which can warm you up is a great glass of red wine. Amidst the wide array of wines and estates in the SAWS cellar, there is nothing quite like a South African Bordeaux-style red blend.

What is a Bordeaux-style blend?

You are aware that Bordeaux is one of the most famous wine regions in France, known for producing some of the top wines in the world as well as some of the most expensive wines! When other countries make blended wine using varietals originating from Bordeaux these wines are known as Bordeaux-style blends.

A white Bordeaux-style blend will be a blend with sauvignon blanc and semillon, but one more commonly refers to the red style when speaking about a Bordeaux-style blend. There are five main red varietals grown in Bordeaux and a Bordeaux-style blend needs to contain two or more of these varietals. They are namely cabernet sauvignon, merlot, malbec, cabernet franc and petit verdot.

It is easy to get technical with right and left bank Bordeaux (cabernet sauvignon grown more dominantly on the left bank and merlot on the right bank of the Gironde River), but we are not going into this detail. We will be talking about the South African wines and the wineries. We will also compare the effect of age on the wines. To complete the evening a tasting plate will be served.

Join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

Event Details

When: Tuesday, April 24, @ 6:30 pm.

Where: University of Toronto Faculty Club, 41 Willcocks Street, Toronto M5S 1C7
The Spadina streetcar stops at the corner of Willcocks and Spadina. 416 978-6325

Price: \$70 members. Guests \$80

Closing date: Your booking or cancellation must be received by **Tuesday, April 17**. Your booking will be confirmed.

Your cheque payable to *South African Wine Society* or **Visa credit card** information will reserve your place at the tasting. If we have your credit card information on file, you may book by e-mail (without the form) to sawsinfo@rogers.com Visa charges will appear as Bokke Inc.


Note: As a courtesy to other members, please refrain from wearing any scented products, including perfumes, colognes, after shaves or hand lotions.

The Wines

Porcupine Ridge Chardonnay 2016


Bristling with attractive pear, peach and tropical fruit wrapped in a creamy texture.

Vergenoegd Estate 2000

 cab sauv / merlot / cab franc


Rich almost inky appearance. Nice ripe red berry and plum fruit. Spicy vanilla scents with a hint of coffee and chocolate on the nose. A sweet structured forceful wine but with characteristic elegance and finesse. Big smooth tannins with good length.

Kaapzicht Steyler Vision 2002

 cab sauv / pinotage / merlot


Very dark, brooding, almost black appearance. Richly concentrated layers of fruit, wood and tannins woven tightly together in seamless elegance. Gorgeously sensuous and massively structured with a chewy dark fruit core supported by stately tannins. Focused, almost endless finish.

Waterford Pecan Stream 2004

 cab sauv / shiraz


Leather and cedary aromas. Strong red berry fruit up front on the palate and the nose. Firm, fine tannin structure. Good length on the finish.

Cathedral Cellar Triptych 2006

 cab sauv / shiraz / p.v. / cab franc


This blended, cabernet-based red is Cape all the way, with a very lifted, complex and idiosyncratic nose of rubber eraser, dried red pepper, dried kelp, cassis and white pepper. It's medium-full bodied, very smooth, fairly dense and intense. Old school, all kinds of flavour. Excellent length.

De Toren Z 2004

 merlot / cab sauv / cab franc / malbec / p.v.


Rose petals, plum and blueberry fruit. Acidity is frisky and well integrated to bring freshness to the front of this elegant Bordeaux right bank style blend. Soft, firm and well rounded tannins are integrated with delicate notes of cinnamon. The first impression is very much that of a Merlot. The taste does compliment the nose in structure and freshness.

Eagles Nest Verreux 2009

 merlot / cab sauv / cab franc


A complex Bordeaux Style wine from the perfectly positioned vines for these grape varieties, this well rounded red has an amazing dark red colour and bold flavours of black berries, red fruitiness and spice. The flavours carry through beautifully and linger on the palate with perfectly soft tannins and velvety notes.

Warwick Three Cape Ladies 2005

 pinotage / cab sauv / merlot / shiraz

Each component distinctly displays its own qualities. This vintage shows great ripe red and black berry flavors on the nose as well as Mocha flavors. The Pinotage is soft and sweet while the Merlot and Shiraz offers a subtle spiciness. The Cabernet Sauvignon is the backbone of the blend with well balanced, smooth tannins that will do well with cellaring. Full on the palate with good length on the finish. This blend brings the best of Pinotage to the classic French varieties.

Kloovenburg Eight Feet 2006

 shiraz / cab sauv

Earthy red-berry character, soft tannins, spicy lift & acid bite for richer foods

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Name(s) _____

Guest name(s) _____

Phone _____

Visa Card Number _____ Expiry ____ / ____

Name on card _____

We will make every effort to accommodate your food allergies or special dietary needs if you let us know in advance.

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We/I have read and understand and agree to this waiver.