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Mullineux Tasting Event @ Gamberoni's Ristorante Tuesday, September 12 @ 6:30 pm

Join SAWS and our special guest, winemaker **ANDREA MULLINEUX**, in a special tasting event of outstanding, newly released **MULLINEUX** and **LEEU PASSANT** wines. This will be held at the **Gamberoni Ristorante** and accompanied by a tasting plate.

Mullineux was established in 2007, when Chris and Andrea Mullineux settled in the Swartland wine region, 60 kilometers north of Cape Town. Within a very short time period the winery established itself as one of South Africa's most celebrated wine brands, both locally and on the international front. By 2020 the winery had received thirty 5-star ratings from Platter's South African Wine Guide, as well as being awarded Platter's Winery of the Year, now an unprecedented 5 times in 2014, 2016, 2019, 2020 and 2023.

In 2013 Chris & Andrea joined forces with Analjit Singh. Together with founding partner Peter Dart they started a parallel winery in Franschhoek called **Leeu Passant**. The Leeu Passant winery is located on Leeu Estates, which also is the home Analjit's hospitality portfolio, the Leeu Collection.

Widely regarded as one of South Africa's leading wineries, and as a reference producer for the exciting Swartland wine region, the Mullineux winery has achieved unparalleled success.

With a no-compromise approach to quality, Chris & Andrea Mullineux's absolute focus is producing fine wines with purity, a balanced intensity and true sense of place from the old vines and ancient terroirs of South Africa.

Using natural farming and modern minimalist winemaking techniques through the lens of Chenin Blanc and Syrah, some of the Mullineux's recent accolades include:

- South African "Winery of the Year" an unprecedented 5 times (in the years of 2014, 2016, 2019, 2020 and 2023) by the Platter's South African Wine Guide.
- Andrea Mullineux named the 2016 International Winemaker of the Year by Wine Enthusiast Magazine.
- Chris & Andrea Mullineux named South African Winemakers of the Year in 2017 by Tim Atkin MW in his annual South African report.
- Wine & Spirits magazine placed Mullineux in their Top 100 Wineries of 2019, 2021 and 2022 (the only South African winery on the list each year), and
- Vinous rated Mullineux Olerasay °2 the first ever perfect 100 point score for any South African wine from a Major US wine publication.

About the Winemaker

ANDREA MULLINEUX

Andrea developed her passion for wine at the family dinner table, growing up in San Francisco. After studying Viticulture and Oenology at UC Davis, and completing a handful of harvests in the Napa Valley, Andrea worked in Stellenbosch, and then in Chateauneuf where on the same trip, she met Chris at a wine festival in Champagne! Andrea's love for South African wine (and Chris) brought her back to South Africa where they learnt that their compatibility extended into the vineyards and cellar. In 2014 Andrea was invited to join the Cape Winemakers Guild and in 2016 she was awarded International Winemaker of the Year by Wine Enthusiast. When Andrea is not hard at work in the cellar, her creative energies flow into the kitchen where she loves cooking up a storm, glass of wine in hand.

The Menu

The **Gamberoni Ristorante** will be providing a tasting plate (tapas).

We will make every effort to accommodate your food allergies or special dietary needs if requested. As a courtesy to other members, please refrain from wearing any scented products, including perfumes, colognes, after shaves or hand lotions.

When & Where

Please note: LIMITED SPACE

When: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 6:30 pm.

Where: Gamberoni Ristorante, 3249 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M4N 2L5, (416) 482-3063.

Price:

Members. \$120.

Guests. \$135..

Closing date: Your booking or cancellation **MUST** be received by **Tuesday, September 5** Your booking will be confirmed. If we are unable to confirm your registration due to our **capacity limit**, a full refund will be offered.

Your cheque payable to **South African Wine Society** or **Interac e-payment** payable to **sawsinfo@rogers.com** (preferred) will reserve your place at the dinner.

Wine Notes

Featured Wines:

Leeu Passant - First Flight!

Leeu Passant Chardonnay 2020 – (Stellenbosch)

While capturing the Stellenbosch sunshine, this textured Chardonnay reflects its maritime climate with aromas of yellow grapefruit, wet-stone and a hint of Mebos. The vibrant palate delivers notes of Key lime sorbet followed by layers of stone-fruit and lemon curd. The touch of salinity and lush mouthfeel, is well balanced by a zesty acidity, leading up to a beautifully poised and defined finish.

Leeu Passant Old Vines Basson Cinsault 2020 – (Wellington)

Planted on South Africa's first selection of rootstocks in 1900, this historic parcel of dry farmed bush vine Cinsault is growing on the deep sandy alluvial soils in Wellington. This is South Africa's oldest registered red wine vineyard and the firm skins and fragrant fruit 'sing' to us when they are ready to pick.

This highly fragrant wine has an alluring nose suggesting fresh cherries, cranberry, rose petals and a hint of thyme. The palate is vibrant and silky in texture, with linear notes of pomegranate, pink peppercorns and cloves. As this wine ages the texture increasingly becomes plush and in laying it down will reward with more layers of complexity. The very fine tannins give a beautiful structure to the wine, exemplifying the Basson sense of place.

Leeu Passant Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 – (Stellenbosch)

This classically aromatic & supple Cabernet Sauvignon invites with notes of mulberry, dried orange rind, Kapokbos and pencil shavings on the nose. The palate opens to mouth-quenching cassis and fresh Sapphire plum, which are cupped by elegant, silky tannins. The richness and power of this wine are balanced by beautiful freshness and finesse.

Mullineux - Second Flight

Mullineux Old Vines White 2021 – (Swartland)

Pale straw in colour, this wine has a nose of ripe, green citrus fruit and Christmas spices. The palate is fresh and richly textured, with notes of ripe pears, almonds and peaches, and a clove-like finish.

Mullineux Granite Chenin Blanc 2021 - (Swartland)

The GRANITE Chenin tends to exhibit a fantastic natural acidity that balances out the texture and mid-palate that all Swartland white wines possess. The nose is flinty with some stone fruit, floral and citrus aromatics.

Mullineux Syrah 2019 - (Swartland)

This perfumed Syrah has notes of spicy citrus rind, refined black fruit, violets and lilies. The palate is elegant and restrained with a silky texture balanced by a fresh, natural acidity. The finish is long with supple tannins.

Mullineux Straw Wine 2021 - (Swartland)

Deep golden straw in colour, with a rich, viscous appearance. The nose and palate is a complex, enticing blend of dried peaches, apricots and marmalade, with savoury, nutty aromas of almonds, marzipan and honey. The intense mouth-feel is balanced by a clean, fresh and very long finish of dried apricots.

Event Registration if paying by cheque

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When registering by mail, please phone or email to let us confirm your booking promptly.

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_____ member/s @ \$120;

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Name(s) _____

Phone _____

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WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

I am participating in South African Wine Society (SAWS) events voluntarily and at my own risk. In consideration of my participation, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby waive, release and forever discharge and indemnify SAWS, its organizers, volunteers, members, and the Executive Committee from any and all damages, claims and actions for any loss, liability, claim, action, costs, expenses, physical or emotional injury or death to me arising out of my participation in SAWS functions or on society grounds, howsoever caused. I am aware that SAWS does not carry any liability insurance.

This waiver applies to all guests who I may bring and for whom I accept complete responsibility.

I also certify that I, and my guests are 19 years of age or older.

I also consent to the use of my/our name(s) and/or likeness through photographs or other images which SAWS may post on its website or other media.

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