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Spring is definitely in the air now...

...with the trees in blossom, carpets of flowers up the West Coast, and some lovely warm days for the weekend!!

We managed to get to the West Coast National Park this week, and what a picture it was! Coincidentally, our journey took us through picturesque Darling, and Darling Cellars are the hosts for the next Meet-the-Winemaker Dinner. This will be presented by the vastly experienced Cellarmaster, Abe Beukes, seen here with Winemakers Carel Hugo and Welma Visser.



This takes place on Wednesday, 19th September, usual time of 18.30 for 19.00.

We will be tasting a wide range of Darling's wines, starting with their very reasonably priced Methode Cap Classique, and wines from both the Reserve and Premium ranges. Of the 11 wines being tasted, the average Platter rating is 4*, but the average price should be around R75 - great value!

As usual, BOOKING is essential, together with your meal choice please.

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel last month's dinner at short notice as Cathy Marshall was taken ill, and was unable to present her wines. We will re-arrange the dinner with Cathy, hopefully early in the New Year.

Our October Dinner is with Journey's End Vineyards, from Sir Lowry's Pass Village, on 31st October, and our traditional year-ending dinner with Cederberg will be on

Free Wine Tastings

Our upcoming Saturday morning tastings:

Hartenberg - 15/9

Beyerskloof - 22/9

Nitida - 29/9

Tokara - 6/10

De Grendel - 13/10 and

Eagle's Nest - 20/10

These in-store tastings are free, and are held between

11.00 - 14.00.

Booking not necessary!

Opening Hours

Restaurant

Mon - Wed: 8.00 - 17.30 Thur - Fri: 8.00 - 22.00 Saturday: 9.00 - 22.00 from 29.9: 8.00 - 22.00 Sunday: 9.00 - 15.30

Wineshop

Mon - Wed: 8.00 - 18.30 Thur - Fri: 8.00 - 20.00 Saturday: 9.00 - 17.00 from 29.9: 8.00 - 22.00 Sunday: 9.00 - 16.00

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28th November. This is always a sell-out, and you will need to book early!

Country Craft Market

The ever-popular Southey's Vines Country Craft Market returns on Saturday 29th September, and from that Saturday, we will be reverting to opening at 8.00am on Saturdays during the summer.

In the Wineshop

There are quite a few 2012 white wines finding their way onto our shelves now, so for those looking for these fresh, zesty wines to enjoy with your braais, be sure to drop in and stock up! Remember, the Wine Shop is open 7 days a week!

There is a great line-up for our forthcoming Saturday tastings as you can see in the right hand column!

Finally, and regrettably, this was not MY new car that was being delivered this week!!!



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Until next month, Best regards,

Stephen, Alison, Morné and all of us at Manuka!

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