



THE HARVEST & THE WINE IN THE BARREL

Rusticus Vintage Cellar harvested fantastic quality Merlot and Pinot Noir grapes this year in February, which has Stephan Busch the winemaker very excited. The Pinot Noir was brought in early in the morning before the summer temperature set in and a very small quantity of 1.5 tons was crushed and put into the open maceration tanks for fermentation. The Merlot grapes, which also offered good quality this year, underwent a wild fermentation, without any inoculation of yeast! This is very special indeed and we look forward to tasting this once it has finished its barrel maturation in 12-18 months time.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR RUSTICUS LOVERS

Rusticus Vintage Cellar has a new promotion to suit Capetonians struggling to source our red wines! From April this year we are offering **FREE DELIVERY to Cape Town central during business hours** for every order of 6 bottles or more. Now Rusticus fans can purchase wines at cellar prices and have them delivered to your door! That's a deal not to be missed...

FESTIVALS AND HAPPENINGS

Rusticus started off the year with some great wine & food festivals! First we had the Cape Country Picnic Festival at Bienne Donne and then we visited Swellendam where many new Rusticus fans were created...

We look forward to the **WACKY WINE WEEKEND** taking place **2-4 June** this year in the Robertson Wine Valley. For those of you who haven't attended this unique festival before it offers an extensive list of activities at each winery on the route, ranging from arts and crafts to guided game drives and live entertainment.

Visit www.wackywineweekend.com



**WACKY WINE WEEKEND ACTIVITIES @
RUSTICUS VINTAGE CELLAR 2-4 JUNE
2006**

Guided Game Drives & Glühwein
~ throughout the weekend ~

Wine & Photography

A collection of works by Stephan Busch will be on exhibition for the weekend. Entrance is free.

Live entertainment

Acoustic guitarists during the day on Saturday as well as Daizy Jane (2 band members formerly from The Sunshines) playing on Saturday evening. Food will also be served.

Tickets available via patbusch@intekom.co.za

Cellar Tours & Wine Tastings

Will take place throughout Friday and Saturday for those interested in the story behind making wine the traditional way!



BIRTHS IN THE GAME RESERVE

We have recently had some new additions to the gemsbok and springbok families in the reserve with new foals being born. In fact over the last year we have had so many births that we have had to consider culling some of our animals to maintain a more natural balance in the environment.

There are currently an insufficient number of natural predators in the reserve and as the animals are in a fenced area we needed to intervene before the vegetation and surrounding environment become too damaged.

NEW ADDITIONS...

We welcome DE WET PUREN to the Klaasvoogds Game Reserve, he recently joined the team in March! De Wet has a passion for wildlife and is a fully qualified field guide.

As the weather has already begun to get cooler we have re-introduced hot drinks such as hot chocolate, tea and coffee to our refreshment stop! Be sure to book ahead with us to ensure you have a seat (and a blanket!) in these colder months...

NEW PAT BUSCH WEBSITE IS UNVEILED!

Pat Busch recently upgraded it's website to a much more detailed yet user-friendly interface. We have included the hiking trail descriptions, 4x4 route & function information to our website as well as the new accommodation on offer. Feel free to visit www.patbusch.co.za to experience it for yourself!





A SELF-CATERING STAY WITH A DIFFERENCE

The two new exclusive cottages on the **Pat Busch Private Nature Reserve** are fast becoming popular to both our regular visitors and newcomers. The spa baths appear to keep guests indoors for extended periods of time; along with indoor fireplaces these are sure to become a favourite winter getaway. We suggest you book well in advance if you have your eye on one of these!

Rates range between R200 and R250 per person per night sharing. For more info please email patbusch@intekom.co.za

NEED A VENUE FOR A RETREAT/FUNCTION?

Pat Busch Private Nature Reserve has a rustic banquet hall for small groups available for retreats, birthdays, weddings and team buildings. Tel 023 626 2033

PAT BUSCH PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE KLAASVOOGDS GAME RESERVE and RUSTICUS VINTAGE CELLAR

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