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Good Day, Sorry about the technical problems with my email. I hope you get this in time to make your plans to join us on Friday, September 1st

Tasting: Exciting Reds from South Africa

Cost: Full pour \$28 Half Pour: \$14

Special: Flank Steak Caesar Salad

The Wines:

2015 Sadie Treinspoor \$55

The 2015 Old Vine Series Treinspoor, Eben's Tinta Barocca cuvée, which he said has "the biggest passport in South Africa" since the grape has been grown there for a long time for fortified wine production, has a lucid ruby color. Eben told me that it is actually one of his most difficult sells but I am of the opinion that it is one of his best wines. Darker in color than then other OVS labels, it has a captivating bouquet with raspberry, cranberry leaf, tobacco and damp wet clayey aromas. The palate has firm tannin that Eben compared to Piedmont, which I can understand. The acidity is beautifully judged with killer salinity and mineralité on the finish that both linger in the mouth. This is an outstanding South African wine. **96 Points Robert Parker**

2016 Southern Right Pinotage South Africa \$25

The 2016 Pinotage was matured in 10% new oak, this vintage seeing the introduction of 400-liter barrels with a light to medium-toast. This sample was actually showing a bit of reduction on the nose when I tasted it. The palate is medium-bodied with firm, slightly sinewy tannins compared to the 2015, veins of melted tar and licorice towards the somewhat "stocky" finish. Very fine, although it needs 2-3 years in bottle. **90 Points Robert Parker**

2013 Rupert Rothschild Cuvee Classic South Africa \$20

(13% alcohol; 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot, from grapes picked early to catch the fresh fruit flavors, according to winemaker Yvonne Lester; mostly from Stellenbosch; aged for 17 months in 300-liter French oak barrels, none new): Good dark red. Redcurrant, plum, mocha and coffee on the nose, plus a hint of menthol. Distinctly red in character, with redcurrant fruit complicated by sweet cedar and herbs. No rough edges here thanks to harmonious acidity. Finishes with a fine dusting of tannins. In a classic Old-World style, with vibrant acidity giving the wine backbone and carrying the finish. **89 Points Vinous**

2014 Kloof Street South Africa \$20

The 2014 Kloof Street Rouge has an attractive boysenberry- and blackberry-scented nose that veers towards red plum with continued aeration. It is simple but effective. The palate is nicely balanced with modest weight, the acidic thread lending good tension, backed up with rustic black berry fruit laced with bay leaf towards the finish. It is one of those bottles that before you know...will be empty. **88 Points Robert Parker**

2015 Mullineux Syrah South Africa \$45

The 2015 Syrah includes two additional vineyards on granite soils after the 2015, whilst the whole bunch component is back up to 60%. It has a clean and precise bouquet with floral-tinged red berry fruit (red cherry and wild strawberry), nicely focused and developing more intensity with aeration. The palate is very well balanced with crisp acidity, fine structure, much more detail than the 2014 and I think that is down to the higher whole bunch proportion, the sense of energy flowing through on the long finish. Compared to the 2014 Syrah, I much prefer this: more freshness and complexity.

93 Points Wine Advocate. The winemaker **Andrea Mullineux** named winemaker of the year for 2016 by the Wine Enthusiast!

2014 Mulderbosch Faithful Hound \$22.50

The 2014 Faithful Hound is a blend of 32% Cabernet Franc, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 16% Malbec and 7% Petit Verdot. It has a joyful and very pure bouquet with red cherry and red plum scents, the oak nicely integrated. The palate is medium-bodied, well balanced with grainy tannin, good backbone with a satisfying tobacco-edged finish. This is worth investigating and it has the substance to age well in bottle. **90 Points Wine Advocate**

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