

MEDIA RELEASE

Newcomer Pontac Manor Wine scores a winner!
Pontac Manor Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 – top amongst 43 wines

Paarl, 18 Aug 2005. Enjoying a high reputation as a top boutique hotel and fine-dine restaurant in the Winelands, Pontac Manor now adds another string to its bow: Pontac Manor Wine. In a recent “Wine of the Month” expert tasting, newly released Pontac Manor Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 was ranked first amongst 43 competing cabernet sauvignons of varying vintages. A newcomer to the fine wine arena, Pontac Manor was in good company at the tasting, beating wines from several well-known estates, amongst these Steenberg, Rietvallei, Simonsig, Kleine Salze, Spier and Anura, and even pipping a few 1999 vintages at the post. This limited edition, handcrafted boutique wine hails from the wine lands of the Western Cape, with its home base being Pontac Manor in Paarl. Produced from grapes grown in soil similar to the soils of Bordeaux and matured in French oak barrels imported from the Vosges area, the wine has a big structure and good length, with strong berry scents and a hint of pencil shavings and cedar of fine oak. A good drinking wine, it is also a good ‘eating’ wine and goes well with red meats and veal, yet is also an excellent complement to game-fish and fowl.

Only 8.000 thousand bottles of Pontac Manor Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 were produced. The wine is currently very “drinkable”; however, given the perfect maturation demonstrated by the wine thus far, a 30% reserve will be held for another two years. Wine-lovers can thus look forward to an even greater Pontac Manor Wine experience in the future.

The wine can be ordered through the Wine of the Month Reserve Club Selection or from Pontac Manor Wines (telephone 021-8720445, fax 872-0460). Of course the full potential of this gracious vintage is best enjoyed in its ‘home’ at The Restaurant at Pontac, paired with our classic venison and chocolate chilli sauce. The Restaurant at Pontac is ranked amongst the TOP 100 in South Africa. Pontac Manor Wines is a member of Paarl Vintners, an association comprising over 30 fine estates, wineries and wine-makers in the Paarl area.

About the Wine of the Month Club

The Reserve Club Selection brings you special wines, auction wines or wines that are handmade by small boutique wineries. As panel selections they score at least 15.5 out of 20. They are without doubt among the best wines you can enjoy today.

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