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Raise a Glass of South African Wine at Legal Sea Foods

October 31, 2011 - Legal Sea Foods will be offering an exclusive South African wine list for four weeks beginning October 31st. The feature will offer guests the opportunity to enjoy the distinct and delicious flavors of the region. Participating restaurants will have the following Cape Classics wines:

Raats Family "Original" Chenin Blanc, Coastal Region, 2010
Buitenverwachting Sauvignon Blanc, Constantia, 2010
De Morgenzon "DMZ" Chardonnay, Western Cape, 2010
De Morgenzon Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch, 2009
Kanonkop Pinotage, Stellenbosch, 2009
Rustenberg "R.M. Nicholson," Stellenbosch, 2009
Klein Constantia "Vin de Constance," Constantia, 2006

Legal Sea Foods – "Raise a glass to the wines of South Africa! South Africa boasts a 350+ year history of winemaking. And while the quality revolution that has swept the category in the past fifteen years has resulted in record-setting demand and acclaim by critics, South African wines still remain under the radar screen. Our participating restaurants will offer an exclusive wine list for four weeks, affording an opportunity to enjoy the distinct and delicious flavors of South African wines.

Geography plays a significant role in the quality story of South African wines. The Cape Winelands boast a mild, Mediterranean climate, and are nestled between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, which offer cooling breezes. Soils include some of the most varied, oldest and most complex of any wine-growing region, and the terrain is marked by dramatic mountain ranges which create diverse microclimates. The wines tend to be terroir-driven, site-specific and complex in flavor. The Buitenverwachting estate is known for its crisp, minerally whites of elegance and finesse while Kanonkop has a reputation for producing some of the Cape's finest, earthiest red wines. De Morgenzon, where abundant wildflowers flourish between the vines, embraces the philosophy that a biodiverse and ecologically sensitive environment produces the best quality grapes. Klein Constantia has a deep history, as their crown jewel, Vin de Constance, crafted from shriveled Muscat de Frontignan grapes, has been prized by notables (including Napoleon, Baudelaire, Dickens, and Jane Austen) for centuries.

Here's what we're featuring: A cross between Pinot Noir and Cinsault, Pinotage is an indigenous varietal developed in 1925 by Abraham Perold, University of Stellenbosch's first professor of viticulture. The country also excels at most of the classics: Chenin Blanc (South Africa's most widely planted grape with several significant old-vine plantings), Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, and Syrah. Of particular note, South African wines lead the world in environmental sustainability and production integrity. Several accredited organizations work diligently to drive and continue developing the country's commitment to sustainable, eco-friendly wine production."