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Good day Wine Lover

*This **Placemat Collection** is a modest attempt to showcase a few interesting places where syrah is successfully grown by producing each wine in exactly the same way* - David Trafford. Only 400kgs of grapes were sourced from each vineyard supplied by: Benguela Cove, Springfontein, Mullineux, Sijnn and de Trafford. The hot 2010 vintage has produced rich, ripe and exhuberant wines, but their differences in character are truly marked. This gives one an excellent opportunity to compare wines from some of SA's top syrah sites made by David Trafford, one of SA's leading winemakers.

DE TRAFFORD PLACEMAT SYRAH COLLECTION 2010 - R830/5

Finally, for those not on our *En-primeur* database, we have released the highly anticipated 2010 **Chapoutier** Single Vineyards. These are some of the most sought after, long-aging wines on the planet and in 2010 there are 6 potential **100/100s** from **Robert Parker**. Please **see here** for the availability, notes and prices.

Benguela Cove – WO Walker Bay – Limestone
Probably our pick of the bunch! Herbaceous and earthy notes combine with beetroot, cinnamon and ample red fruit purity. The palate is rich with a refreshing acidity, keeping all flavours moist and silky. This follows through to sour cherry, bitter dark chocolate and a refined, concentrated finished. She opens up beautifully now but she will keep well for the next 3 to 5 years.

Springfontein – WO Walker Bay - Shale
Olives and centipedes, savoury basted-beef and faint rose-petal perfume notes contrasts squashed red and black fruits. The entry is light-footed and yet very rich in its sleekness. One can almost feel the heartbeat of the wine, with the lively acidity leading to a smouldering smokiness on the finish. Complex and agile, this wine will prosper nicely over the next 5 to 9 years.

Mullineux – WO Swartland - Shale
The nose is intense, elegant and powerful with creamy plum pie; the 16% alcohol is almost undetectable! The palate is currently hibernating however and it took more than 2 days to show its inner core! Powerful, weighty and stately, this should be the last to open and we would love to experience it in 7 to 10 years...

Sijnn – WO Malgas - Shale
Not surprisingly this is the most unique in the series; cool plum and black berry fruit notes lead to wet earth and tobacco. It gradually opens to shows huge intensity, concentration and power. And is eventually fades with salty liquorice, black olive tapenade and a charcoaled, inky finish. This has a full circumference of big rich flavours balancing its impressive weight. Drink now and over the next 10 years. Judging from the quality here, **Malgas could be a shiraz Eden**!

De Trafford – WO Stellenbosch - Granite
Coffee, liquorice, dried sugar-dusted fig squares and a touch of beetroot and earth. The tannins are big and dry, giving structure to masses of red fruits. This one needs a couple of hours decanting to show its true self and it will certainly benefit with bottle age.

Winemaking
All grapes (400kg from each vineyard) were received in good condition and de-stemmed and crushed directly into old 400L barrels with the heads removed. No yeast or anything else added, except about 20ppm SO2. The cap of skins was punched down 2 to 3 times a day and after 12 to 13 days the wine was drained and pressed to old 225L barrels. The wines matured for 19 months with two rackings prior to bottling by hand directly from the barrels, unfined and unfiltered.

Full list of de Trafford and Sijnn wines.

Prices are quoted ex-Cape Town inclusive VAT

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