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## Lammershoek Roulette Vertical Tasting @ Toronto Lawn Tennis Club Thursday, March 8, 6:30 pm reception



**Carla Kretzel**, whose parents Paul and Anna own the Lammershoek farm, says the name, meaning "lamb's corner", apparently came about as ewes and their lambs used to hide from eagles in the forests surrounding the farm. To this day, the farm has an incredibly rich bird life, with fish eagles and other raptors seen daily.

Lammershoek was proclaimed in 1718 - one of three farms in the Aprilskloof Valley of the Paardeberg. The first vineyards were planted in 1750. Recently discovered documents indicate that some of the varieties, including mourvèdre were planted in the Paardeberg around 100 years ago! Many of these were lost due to South Africa's apartheid era style of winemaking

Paul and Anna Kretzel had the good fortune of purchasing the farm in 1995. Initially they continued to deliver the grapes produced on the farm to Perdeberg Co-op. In 2000 the step was taken to renovate the existing cellar at Lammershoek and to produce wine under the Lammershoek label. Carla joined the family business in 2006 to assist with sales and marketing.

The farm has some of the oldest vineyards in the region, including a 56-year-old chenin. About 90 percent of the estate's wines are exported to Europe, Canada and Singapore.

The Kretzels are committed to creating wines that reflect the remarkable terroir of the Paardeberg. Their philosophy is one of sustainable farming, top quality fruit and minimal interference in the cellar. The result is truly outstanding and unique wines. Respecting the terroir and sustainable viticulture leads to balanced and flavourful fruit. Embracing the differences of each vintage combined with a minimalistic wine making style results in a complex wine full of character.

White varieties planted include chenin blanc, chardonnay, viognier, harslèvelü, clairette blanche and sauvignon blanc. Reds include syrah, carignan, grenache noir, mourvèdre, zinfandel, pinotage, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and tinta barocca.

From 2010, the Kretzels moved the vineyards to an organic and even more sustainable way of farming. No fertilizer is used on the farm, just organic composting. The focus is on getting soil and vine in balance ensuring a soil which is alive and thriving.

**Carla Kretzel** will present a vertical range of eight high-scoring Lammershoek Roulette wines plus a ninth shiraz.

### A tasting plate will accompany the wines.

**Where:** The Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, 44 Price St, Toronto M4W  
Parking available. Summerhill subway nearby.

**When:** Thursday, March 8. Reception from 6:30 pm.

**Price:** \$55 members. Guests \$65.

**Closing date:** **Your booking or cancellation must be received by Friday, March 2.** Your booking or cancellation will be acknowledged.

Your cheque payable to South African Wine Society or Visa credit card information will reserve your place at the dinner. If we have your credit card information on file, you may book by e-mail (without the form) to [sawsinfo@rogers.com](mailto:sawsinfo@rogers.com)

**Note:** As a courtesy to other members, please refrain from wearing any scented products, including perfumes, colognes, after shaves or hand lotions.

# Tasting Notes

## Lammershoek Roulette

We will be tasting the following wines:

**Lammershoek Roulette - 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08 + 01 Shiraz Carignan Barrique + 06 Syrah**

Lammershoek Roulette is a journey. It started with the ‘**01 Shiraz Carignan Barrique** and the blend has evolved over the years.. This is a unique opportunity to trace the evolution of the Roulette brand and taste the differences from year to year which reflect changes in the blend and vintage year influences. Throughout the years, the prime ingredient has been syrah/shiraz. For comparison purposes, we have included the ‘**06 Syrah** which is 100% syrah. The most recent vintage details are below.

### **Lammershoek Roulette 2008**

**Blend Information:** 57% syrah, 19% carignan, 12% grenache, 8% mourvèdre, 4% viognier

**Tasting Notes:** Typical Swartland flavours dominate the nose of this wine, the spiciness of the climate and granite based soils showing through. A rich palate is complemented by the freshness that carignan and grenache bring to the wine.

**Aging Potential:** 6 – 10 years

**In The Vineyard:** Six separate vineyards were identified and used to create this blend. All dry-land farmed, 80% were bush-vine trained. The soils are decomposed granite and vary in altitude from 100 - 250m.

# Event Registration

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