

RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS:

La Petite Ferme Restaurant - A Franschhoek Institution. No one comes to Franschhoek without eating here. Do it on the first day because it sets the scene for your visit, and possibly a hangover. The views take your breath away and the temptation is there to lie on the grass and order one bottle after another. It is beautifully situated along the pass road, spectacular views and really good food. Recently voted top 10 in Wine Magazine - **open for lunch only.** lapetite@iafrica.com. 00 27 (0)21 876 3016 Tel Book Early!

Reuben's - Wonderful restaurant, centrally situated with modern interior, shady courtyard and trendy bar area. I love a lazy lunch in the summer under the mist spray and difficult to drag yourself away. Famous Reuben Riffel voted **Chef of the Year 2005 and Restaurant of the Year 2005**. The menu is modern French cuisine with cosmopolitan influences and a choice of a contemporary or a more classical menu. reubens@mweb.co.za 00 27 (0)21 876 3772 Book Early!

Le Quartier Francais - Famous Chef, Margot Janse (Chef of the year 2003 & 2004) Top 50 Restaurants in the World 2007. TASTING ROOM: Elegant and more formal dining - 4/6 and 8 course meal with wine carefully selected for each course. ICI - a la carte bistro restaurant with deliciously simple and fresh food. If you want the full works you must eat at The Tasting Room. I can only do it once every 6 months. She gets amazing flavours and Margot is just fantastic. Ask her to come to the table if you like www.lequartierfrancais.com **Book Early! 00 27 (0)21 876 2151**

Bouillabaisse – Camil & Ingrid's classy Champagne and oyster bar and seafood deli on the High Street in Franschhoek. This vibrant new 'front-cooking' eatery combines freshly prepared favourites like bouillabaisse and gourmet seafood tasters with the decadence of the world's most sought after treats, like Beluga and Fois Gras. Watch Camil and his team prepare a daily selection of seafood delights in his stylish open kitchen to be sampled as tasting portions, made a meal of or taken away to be savoured later. The kitchen is open all day from 10am to 10pm, on offer will be a variety of fish and seafood tasters encouraging guests to create their own menu. www.bouillabaisse.co.za **Book Early! 00 27 (0)21 876 4430**

French Connection - bistro style venue with excellent food and relaxed atmosphere, perfect for something easy - open both lunch & dinner . 00 27 (0)21 876 4056

Haute Cabriere - elegant dining in their cellar restaurant with award winning Chef, Matthew Gordon - wines are offered per course - open both lunch and dinner. 00 27 (0)21 876 3688

Le Bon Vivant - Dutch Chef making his presence felt in Franschhoek. Excellent European cuisine with superb presentation. Portions are not too large - open both lunch and dinner. This is one of our guests' favourite restaurant. **00 27 (0)21 876 2717**

Mont Rochelle - Mange Tout. Another beautifully situated hotel/restaurant. Outside dining available, formal, elegant dining - open both lunch and dinner. **00 27 (0)21 876 2770**

Mont Rochelle - The Country Kitchen. One of my favourites on my round of dog walking, popping in for a glass of wine and a plate of tapas. Unpretentious simple food and one of Franschhoek's hidden gems. Has a great view from the 'other side' of the valley. **00 27 (0)21 876 3000**

Topsi & Co - a delightful dining experience - Topsi is a wonderful character and she and Alidi prepare simple uncomplicated meals from only the freshest produce she can get her hands on. She has two, sometimes 3 African Grey parrots that wander around and mumble away to themselves. Mine spends his holidays with the other two. You do have to bring your own wine - open both lunch and dinner. **00 27 (0)21 876 2952**

Bread & Wine - situated on Môreson wine farm, here the chef smokes his own meats and fish, his wife bakes the best bread this side of the mountain and the wines are a compliment to the whole setting - relaxed, easy going and very casual - open lunch mainly but occasional evenings **Book Early!** **00 27 (0)21 876 3692**

Grande Provence Restaurant - Probably the most stylish restaurant in Franschhoek. An excellent kitchen and nouvelle cuisine dining. Situated on the Grande Provence Wine Estate 3 km from the centre of the village. Open Lunch and Dinner daily. Take a browse through the beautiful art gallery just before dinner. Home of Augusta wines and the well known Angel's Tears. Private Dining room available upon request. www.grandeprovence.co.za **00 27 (0)21 876 8600**

Vineyard Brasserie - Run by La Petite Ferme team and located in a corner of Franschhoek overlooking the orchards. Lovely and quiet, but minutes walk away from the main road. Indoor and outdoor seating and lawn. Friday night in Summer comes alive with the sound of jazz. Book early as numbers often exceed 250. **00 27 (0)21 876 3420**

New, but no reports yet.... Restaurant at Solms Delta and also at Klein Genot.

Ask about others and I will give you my honest feedback!

