

FOMO? Idiom Winery's New Destination Restaurant and Tasting Room is a Must

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Idiom's new tasting room and restaurant is officially opening in June (2016) – and if you haven't already made a booking – do it now: 021 204 1059.

Food

The most spectacular views of False Bay, Table Mountain and Cape Point serve as the backdrop to the elegant fine dining affair at **The Idiom Restaurant**. Chef Irwin de Vries brings new meaning to the understanding of culinary art with his passion for creating both a sensory and visual dining experience.

On the day of my visit as part of the opening for the media, Chef Irwin presented a food and wine pairing menu which titillated the senses with its swoon-worthy presentation, followed by plenty morsels of deliciousness. These were paired with Idiom's wide range of wines and it was fabulous. Add to the whole experience that the staff are attentive, the decor simply elegant and you have a noteworthy dining encounter. Visitors can expect a seasonal a la carte menu as well as multi course degustation menus as part of the restaurant's signature.



Panko Crusted Mozambican Prawn



Chargrilled Beef Fillet

The tasting room promises to have a canape pairing menu. There will be more casual family style dining from their Deli menu is planned for the terrace as well as picnics in the summer.

Wine

Da Capa Vineyards, under the label of **Idiom** wines, is owned by the Bottega family. Under the leadership of the patriarch Alberto and his son Roberto, they have married their Italian roots with their South African heritage and are responsible for a large selection of Italian varietals grown locally. It was a treat to try their Sangiovese, Nebbiolo and Barbera from their Italian range. The Viognier served with the prawn *amuse bouche* was also a highlight of the tasting for me, as well as their dessert offering, the Imperium White Gold, which is a 100% Viognier which was nothing short of sublime.

Architecture

While your main reason for journeying out to the outskirts of the Helderberg wine region may be for the exceptional food and wine experience at Idiom, lovers of architecture and design should factor in some time to walk the grounds and take in the impressive pavilion and visual art and sculpture by local artist Lionel Smit.