

# Wine and dine

**“A passion for food, a harmony for life” is the mantra of Celine Mandaglio and partner David Sadeh of Mon Plaisir French restaurant on the Bottelary Road.**

Situated on the premises of the Ons Genot Country Lodge and Hartenberg Wine Estate, this latest addition to local eateries is, according to Celine, typical of a French bistro.

“The quality of the product is most important. Many people still think of French cuisine as tiny portions of food on a massive plate, but we guarantee that every item is a meal by itself. Every meal is prepared with the freshest possible ingredients and with passion. What is life without passion,” Celine laughs while David nods in agreement.

“For the past three years we owned and managed a bistro in Burkina Faso and we simply love Africa. But Stellenbosch, aah...”, Celine gestures in typical French style.

The Plat du Jour displayed on the blackboard changes at least three times a week and is complemented by the ex-



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quisite à la carte menu.

“I will walk a hundred miles for the Porcini,” David says when asked about Mon Plaisir’s speciality dish. And indeed, there are hardly words to describe the sensations triggered by this fresh and wild mushroom. Another to-die-for is the chocolat coulant, served with home-made vanilla ice cream. Mon Plaisir also boasts an extensive winelist of both local and French wines. The restaurant is open from 11:30 to 15:00

every day of the week except Tuesdays, and from 10:00 to 16:00 on Sundays. Kids will enjoy the secure playground beside the waterpond. With winter around the corner, there are the inside lounges and fireplaces to look forward to, with relaxing French music in the background. Enjoy balmy autumn days on the deck whilst enjoying world-class French cuisine and the best of wines.

Call 021 865 2456 or 076 902 6440. Bookings advisable.