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**Is South African agriculture really dominated by big commercial farms? Evidence suggests not**

Behind some of the policy proposals and discussions on land redistribution in South Africa is a persistent notion that the country should establish 'small-scale farms' so that there could be more participants, and increase in productivity. This view was further shared by some participants at a conference organised by the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (Plaas) at the University of the Western Cape on 4-5 February 2019.

What we drew from the discussions is that this notion of 'small-scale farms' arises from the perception that most commercial farms in South Africa are large-scale and perceived to be inefficient compared to their smaller counterparts, implying therefore that these large-scale farms should be capped and subdivided. What the proponents of the 'small-scale farms' notion quite often forget is that small-scale family farms have been the dominant form of farming in South African commercial agriculture since the early years among all racial groups.

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**Swiss man charged $8,000 corkage at Australian restaurant**

A Swiss wine buyer visiting Australia was allegedly charged AUS$8,000 (£4,386) in corkage, having brought eight bottles of his own wine to a restaurant in Melbourne.

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**Socio-Cultural Environment**

**Liquor Industry signs guidelines for Good Business Practice for South African Companies operating on the African Continent**
The Liquor Industry today signed the Guidelines for Good Business Practice for South African Companies Operating on the African Continent. The signing ceremony, which took place in Cape Town was witnessed by the Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr Rob Davies, and the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry, Ms Joanmariæ Louise Fubbs. The companies which signed the Guidelines today are Distell, Heineken, Diageo, Pernod Ricard, SALBA and Vinpro.

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