



"Wine rejoices the heart of man and joy is the mother of all virtues"  
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe 1771

## NEWSLETTER

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### CAPE LEGENDS PINOTAGES DO IT AGAIN, AND AGAIN AND AGAIN

Stellenzicht's listing in the 2006 ABSA Top Ten was a fourth time win for winemaker, Guy Webber and a third time for the Stellenzicht Golden Triangle Pinotage.

The 2006 ABSA Top Ten also includes the Tukulú Pinotage 2004, a fourth win for Tukulú Pinotage, but the first for winemaker Adian Fry, an achievement of which he is justifiably proud.

But shouldn't the novelty be wearing off now? Not so, claims a beaming Guy: "Last year I said I could die happy. Well, this year the 2005 vintage win (almost) made me cry, it can't get better than this."

The awards were announced during a lavish lunch at Newlands' Kelvin Grove. Goats' cheese, Pinotage sorbet, succulent duck and rich chocolate cups provided the perfect partners to the Top 20 wines. But not even the most delicious of meals, or coolest of dining rooms, could stop the beads of apprehensive perspiration from dripping down the well-trained noses of our winemakers, all resplendent in their Pinotage Association blue shirts. ABSA's Steve Booyesen handed out the ten handmade glass trophies, and more Pinotage was downed in celebration.



Of Tukulú and its terroir, proud-as-Pinotage Adian Fry had this to say: "This is a special place," referring to the farm Papkuilsfontein near Darling where the grapes are sourced. "The temperatures of the area fall within the cooler end of the heat spectrum of the grape-growing areas in the Western Cape and rainfall is above average for the West Coast. We are quite near to the sea, and the surrounding hills protect us from the south-easter, but the excellent Tukulú soils, after which the wine is named, is also a major factor in producing top





quality.”

Tukulú’s Pinotages traditionally show a vibrance and vigour that is unique to the Papkuilsfontein farm and the Darling area. Dryland bushvines and 12 months in oak have resulted in a full-bodied wine redolent with rich plum and blackcurrant aromas, underpinned by oak spice and a hint of nutmeg. The Tukulú Pinotage 2004 is a well-balanced wine, dripping with black berry flavours and supported by a strong tannin structure.



One would think that after so many awards and accolades Stellenzicht’s Guy Webber would be getting blaze. Not so for this passionate winemaker, particularly when it comes to Pinotage, his favourite grape. “The Stellenzicht Pinotages are fast catching up the Shirazes as icon wines,” he reminds us. “We’ve won Veritas golds almost every vintage, been selected twice before for the ABSA Top 10, this latest win is just awesome,” bursting with pride.

Aged for 16 months in oak, the rich intensity of the wine is evident in its dark ruby colour. Webber notes rich plum and blackcurrant aromas with an earthy background that follows through to a full-bodied palate with an excellent structure and an elegant finish.



**MORE GOLD MEDALS**

It’s Veritas Awards time again and we were very proud with our winnings. Gold medals were awarded to the Allesverloren Cabernet Sauvignon 2003; Lord Neethling Weisser Riesling Noble Late Harvest 2005; Stellenzicht Cabernet Sauvignon 2004; Alto Shiraz 2004. All these will make wonderful stocking fillers for Christmas!

**LUCKY DRAW**

We will be giving away a mixed case of all the above-mentioned winners. Simply send us your name and delivery address by return of e-mail and you could be a winner!

**ALLESVERLOREN TAKES ON EUROPE**

Allesverloren’s ebullient Danie Malan, his wife, Juanita and Business Manager for Europe, Carlen Groenewald undertook an extensive 3 week



trip of Europe. Besides attending the WOSA Generic Tasting in London, Hamburg and Stockholm, the threesome visited Austria and Norway, presenting wine tastings and hosting gourmet dinners.



*Carina Gous (CEO Cape Legends), Roy Gillingham (Peake Wine Agencies), Carlen Groenewald (Business Manager: Europe) and David Morgan (Peake Wine Agencies) at the London WOSA Generic tasting at Lords Cricket Grounds in London.*

"It was overwhelming," says Danie, "both our clients and the consumers can't seem to get enough of Allesverloren wines wherever we go.

During their visit to Sweden, the Swedish Monopoly announced their top 60 wines in the world, and both Allesverloren Shiraz and Allesverloren Tinta Barocca were listed. Next stop was Norway and there the local TV2 channel had just announced their wine taste-off with the gastronomic company Art of Taste. Allesverloren Tinta Barocca was voted the Best Wine for Autumn on prime time TV.

Any of the Allesverloren wines will make excellent Christmas presents. They are all of excellent quality and have great ageing potential. Look out for the soon-to-be-released Allesverloren 1997 Reserve Port, only a few bottles will be available but it promises to be a true collectors' item. More about this fortified wine in a forthcoming issue.

## ON THE HOME FRONT

- Newly appointed Marketing Manager Deidre Samson gave birth to a healthy baby girl on Monday, 2 October. Her name is Gabriella and she and her mum are reportedly doing well.
- Patrick Lovell was recently appointed as Business Manager: Inland. He took over this position from Berenice Barker who was recently promoted to National Key Accounts Manager in June of this year.
- Brand Manager, Lize-Marie Luis won a competition earlier this year for a trip for 4 to Australia. She took her son and 3 friends and they had a marvellous three weeks touring the Oz winelands, and taking in the sites.
- Serena Hesebeck and Leigh-Jane Jonquier have joined the Cape Legends team as Marketing Representatives, we wish them well.
- Cobus Joubert, CL Business Manager: Americas has just returned from an extensive tour of the US. He sent us this great news:

The "**Food**" section of today's **Boston Globe** announces the results of that newspaper's second annual "**Plonkapalooza**" tasting, in which myriad bottles of under \$10 wine were sampled and rated by a panel of local experts. Among their recommended wines were:

***Hill & Dale Pinotage 2003*** (South Africa), which the Globe cites for its "Emphatic varietal character with concentrated, gamey fruit," while describing it as "solid, appealing stuff."



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