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**A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ...****Juanita Malan and Orland Firmani – Allesverloren**

Energetic father and daughter team, Orland Firmani and Juanita Malan, pride themselves on adding a distinctly European flavour to the characteristic Swartland wine estate of Allesverloren.

The estate is situated on the south-eastern foothills of the Kasteelberg between the quaint Swartland towns of Riebeeck Kasteel and Riebeeck West, approximately 100 kilometres north-east of Cape Town. This historic farm, renowned for its distinctive red wines and port, is the oldest wine estate in the Swartland district.

Since acquiring its name from an unfortunate fire that razed the estate in 1704, Allesverloren has gone from strength to strength within a rich tradition of winemaking that stretches across at least seven generations, most of which have been in the Malan family.

The only time one may be lost these days at Allesverloren is when immersed in the hypnotic sounds of Orland's inspired mandolin accompaniments while sipping on a garnet glass of Shiraz or Port.

Daughter Juanita has a unique position as the wife of the farm and is married to distinguished winemaker Danie Malan. She is a full time mother these days with three children to look after although her introduction to the farming lifestyle was more romantic and started at Stellenbosch University where she met Danie for the first time.



After spending three years at Denneoord College of Education Juanita moved to Stellenbosch University where she graduated with a BA in Psychology. Her attraction to the then Elsenburg Agricultural student was intertwined with her love of dancing and enjoying life.

"I always told my mom that I would never marry a man who couldn't dance, because I love dancing, and Danie really fitted the criteria of prospective husband since he was a great dancer and also made me laugh," says Juanita. Her love for wine also grew as her relationship with Danie blossomed.

"My parents always enjoyed a little bit of wine and my father's Italian background influenced him to have a glass at festive occasions and Sunday lunch.

When we moved from the Northern Cape to Durbanville a lot of our friends were from Stellenbosch and we started enjoying and drinking more wine from the area. My real interest in wine started after visiting at weekends with Danie and drinking lots of Tinta Barocca and Shiraz,” Juanita adds.

The combination of food, wine and people is Juanita’s favourite aspect of the wine industry and her happy and carefree views are inextricably linked to her beautiful environment

“I love the freedom of farm living, our beautiful surroundings with the valley and the mountains and of course taking the dogs walking through the lovely vineyards. There is no city pressure out here and we can eat, drink and laugh together while taking care of our environment and each other.”

Orland grew up on the slopes of Devils Peak in Cape Town and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from UCT before pursuing his studies at Stellenbosch University where he obtained a doctorate in Education. He started teaching at Swartland High School and then moved on to various other schools around the Western Cape before becoming headmaster at Calvinia and Durbanville High respectively. His career eventually culminated as Director of Education in the Western Cape.

The familial pair have brought fresh ideas and a sparkling philosophy to the Swartland area, which enhances all the great qualities of distinctive winemaking, and their marketing strategy pursues a healthy lifestyle coupled with enjoyment in a manner that is wholesomely European in flavour.

“Together with my daughter Juanita we have added a distinctive Italian touch and feel to the experience at Allesverloren that really emphasises the vino rosso of the Estate and the Tuscan character of the Riebeeck valley.”

## AWARDS AND RATINGS

### Stellenzicht Golden Triangle strikes gold twice in Berlin

Acclaimed Stellenzicht winemaker Guy Webber has contracted a serious bout of gold rush fever after two of his Golden Triangle reds struck gold at the international Berlin wine competition, Berliner Wein Trophy 2009.



The Stellenzicht Golden Triangle Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 was awarded the prestigious “Premium Berlin Gold” medal whilst the Double Gold Veritas medallist, Stellenzicht Golden Triangle Shiraz 2005, attained “Berlin Gold”.

“The Golden Triangle Cabernet Sauvignon, teems with dark berry fruit and fills the palate with a supple intensity of seamlessly integrated fruit and oak while the tannins are firmly friendly,” is how Winemaker Guy Webber describes the wine that stood out for the expert panel of international judges in Germany.

Acclaimed internationally particularly for his Shiraz, Webber considers the superbly elegant yet full-bodied Golden Triangle Shiraz 2005 as more “modern in style with a classic edge in terms of its longevity.”

## Lomond wines wow the Scotts

Forth Wine, the UK agents for Lomond wines, showcased the wines at their annual portfolio tastings in Edinburgh and Glasgow. The tastings were a huge success and the Lomond Pincushion Sauvignon Blanc 2007 was served with the starter to the 400 guests attending the gala dinner in Edinburgh.

Kenny Gray, the new MD of Forth wines shared his goals and visions for the company to become Scotland's premier independent wine merchant.

Our focus is on quality - quality of the wines, the packaging, our sales people, our service and how we market the company. This is at the heart of everything we do," he said.



Kenny Gray, MD of Forth Wines  
with Lize-Marie Gradwell and Lee Barrie

## NEWS FROM THE FARMS

### Linger Longer over a glass of Uitkyk Carlonet

Linger Longer's Walter Ulz, owner and master chef of Johannesburg's famous landmark restaurant in Wierda Valley, has chosen Uitkyk Carlonet as the perfect taste partner for his signature *Ménage a Trois* of beef, lamb & venison.



Chef Walter Ulz of Linger Longer

This wonderful dish of beef fillet with lamb and impala loin, is a meat lovers dream and stands up well to the Cabernet Sauvignon with its ample berry, prune and dark chocolate notes.

"We find the black berry flavours complement the various meats exceptionally well, whilst the earthy nose pairs well with the porcini polenta served with the dish. This is a wonderful medium bodied wine that does not overpower the food but complements it in every way," says Chef Ulz.

Oozing old world charm, Linger Longer offers classic cuisine reminiscent of stylish bygone days.

### Allesverloren celebrates The Olive Festival: 1-3 May

Satiate all your senses with excellent port, red wine, delectable food and music at Allesverloren during the annual Riebeeck Valley Olive Festival. Enjoy genuine Swartland hospitality with a Barn Dance on Friday, 1 May, a jovial Opera Evening on Saturday, 2 May, and a traditional Boland lunch on Sunday 3 May.

Ploughman's Platters, vegetable soup and Osso Buco will be available all day on the Friday and Saturday, while the weekend will be jam packed with wine tastings, entertainment and loads of fun for the kids. Prepaid bookings are essential. Contact Helena at Tel: 022 4612589 during office hours.



### Chicken run with Hill&Dale Chardonnay

The Hill&Dale recipe and wine pairing challenge, run in association with [www.food24.co.za](http://www.food24.co.za), focuses on Chardonnay and chicken during April. With over 300 000 unique monthly impressions Hill&Dale Chardonnay will be top of mind amongst their regular food lovers especially with a case of wine up for grabs for the most imaginative chicken dish!

An advertisement for Hill &amp; Dale Chardonnay. On the left, a woman in a vibrant green, multi-layered dress is walking. The right side of the ad is a dark green background with white text. At the top, it says 'HILL &amp; DALE' with a small leaf logo above the ampersand, and 'WINES FROM STELLENZICHT' below. The main text reads 'Feeling optimistic? Win a free case of Chardonnay with Hill &amp; Dale!'. Below that, it says 'Hill &amp; Dale Chardonnay - imaginative, optimistic and harmonious.' A small image of a wine bottle is centered. At the bottom, it says 'IT'S IN OUR NATURE' and 'www.hillanddale.co.za'. A small disclaimer at the very bottom reads 'Not for sale to persons under the age of 18.'

### Humorous cat hunt with Flat Roof Manor

Flat Roof Manor's 'purrfect' on-line promotion in association with the trendy fashion and lifestyle [www.channel24.co.za](http://www.channel24.co.za) and [www.woman24.co.za](http://www.woman24.co.za) give their 350 000 site visitors the opportunity to win a case of wine during April for the funniest cat picture.