



JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2010

NEWSLETTER



This new year is a year of hope and great expectations for every single South African.
We've been counting down towards 2010 for the past 2 years and now it is here!

It is going to be a year full of adventure, excitement and great opportunities.

We wish you the wings to fly
The vision to dream wildly
And the spirit to embrace all the beauty in life.

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AMANI AWARDS

JOHN PLATTER 2010

I'm thrilled to introduce you to our 2010 Johan Platter 4 Star Wines:

- Atkinson Ridge Chardonnay 2006
- Chardonnay 2008
- Kamili 2008
- Merlot 2007
- I am 1 2007
- Forest Myers Shiraz 2006
- Jordan Myers Shiraz/Cabernet 2006



Join us in the tasting room to delight your palate with amazing flavors and tantalize your nose with aromas.

Read more about [John Platter](#) - African Wine Guide

Wine Spectator

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Score

89

Amani Forest Myers Shiraz 2006

89

Amani Jordan Myers Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

89

Amani Pendana Shiraz 2006

BREAKING NEWS

AMANI CABERNET FRANC/MERLOT 2007 NOW AVAILABLE

DECANTER AWARDS

Amani Cabernet Franc/Merlot 2007 won a **GOLD MEDAL** in a higher price range at **Decanter 2009**.

Decanter World Wine Awards had 10,285 entries this year, cementing its position as the world's biggest wine competition.

Soon after the competition, our international distributors claimed all the wine. It was sold out before the local market could taste it. Due to the recession one of our distributors won't be able to take the wine that is allocated to him.

The **good news** is that Cindy, our tasting room manager claimed the wine for the tasting room.

It will be available from Feb 2010!



[Decanter.com news feed](#)

IN THE VINEYARDS

The grape harvest is one of the most important moments in the creation of a great wine.

Through out the year we've done our absolute best to assure that the grapes are bursting with flavour and ready for top quality wine.

The only problem is, that the birds also love the grapes.

Birds can be one of the most destructive and costly pests to vineyards, especially for small vineyards. Crop value and percentage of crop damage value will determine the economics of bird control methods.

Many bird species will eat grapes. Birds that peck or tear berries generally cause the worst damage as they don't take the whole berry. Piercing or tearing berry skins exposes the whole bunch to infestation of disease. Birds that pluck whole berries are potentially the least damaging but can also take large quantities of fruit if they are in sufficient numbers.



The Eagle Eye

One of the final steps in looking after the grapes prior to harvest is trying to prevent the birds from feasting on the grapes. We use the Eagle Eye bird scarer. It is an optical bird scarer that harmlessly deters birds from unwanted areas by making use of light beams reflected from direct sunlight or artificial light. The reflective pyramid rotates via an electric motor, sending the beams around in a menacing pattern. The light spectrum reflected back by the Eagle Eye disorients birds in flight by limiting their vision significantly. This causes the bird to deviate in flight and fly to another destination.

The Eagle Eyes have made a huge difference for Amani last year. At the beginning of the ripening, we realized there were close to ten times as many birds around than ever before. We had bought three Eagle Eyes last year and they were up but, the uncovered areas were being savagely attacked. We bought five more and then added the ultrasonic and predator audible devices to augment and our damage was very limited. Had we done nothing we would have lost up to ten percent of our crop! At the end of the day, we lost less than one percent.

ADVENTURES

Rusty & Lynde Myers - Owners

They went to *Denmark, Germany and China*.

They had a very successful trip. They've met up with Restaurant and Shop owners that are selling our wines.

A highlight was going to China and meeting up with our distributor.

Wine consumption in China is increasing substantially. Wine has shown an astonishing growth in popularity. Especially China's growing middle class is providing a magnet for foreign wine companies. According to the China Alcohol Industry Association China is already the largest wine consumer in Asia. The consumption of wine in China is forecasted to increase 70% between 2008 and 2011.



Rusty and Lynde Myers with Yeung Chi King (owner of Jointek) and Rosie Wu.

NEW AMANI MEMBER

Helgard van Scalkwyk - New Assistant Winemaker

We are excited to introduce our new Assistant Wine Maker to you. We welcome him on board of the Amani Team.

He has an aunt that has always been interested in wine, and from a young age she started teach him the basic and with her help he developed a passion for wine. After school without any doubt and with great excitement he signed up for BSC Agricc wine and vineyard degree.

After his studies he went to New Zealand for 9 months. He helped out with the harvest and blending.

His favorite white wine is Sauvignon Blanc and red is Cabernet Franc.



Helgard van Schalkwyk

WINE OF THE MONTH

Atkinson Ridge Chardonnay 2006

The Atkinson Ridge Chardonnay 2006 exhibits a savory mineral nose that flows over into sweet orange peel with gunflint. The wine shows fullness on the nose with ginger lime freshness on the 2nd nose.

The palate is fresh with a crisp lime entrance that shows gunflint and a sweet impression on the mid palate but ends with a mineral savoury texture. the Chardonnay displays good oak management and good expression of the fruit of the variety.

Food recommendations:

Sushi, Fish Curries, Seafood Pastas, Salads, Lobster or Crayfish, Chicken or Seafood with Creamy Sauces.



COMPETITION

Across

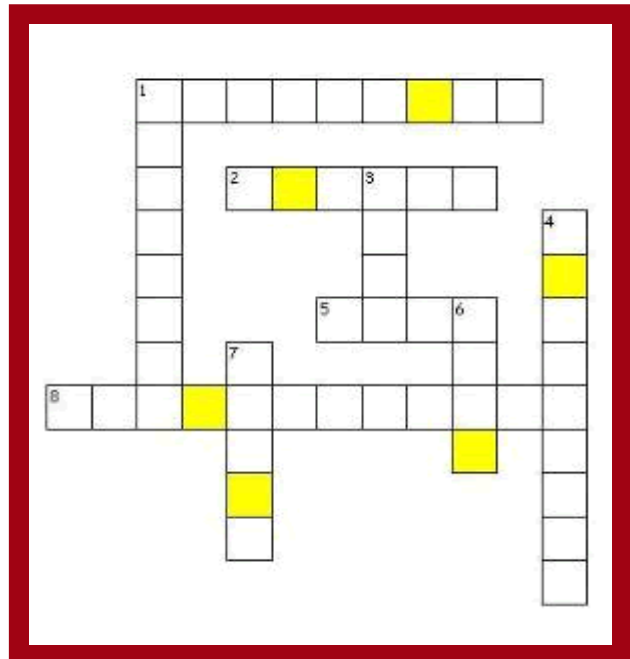
1. Tool that is used to open a bottle of wine
2. A bottle that holds 1.5L of wine
5. The traces of wine that run down the side of the glass after swirling or sipping
8. The process whereby grape juice is transformed into alcoholic wine

Down

1. South African term for vine or grape variety
3. The smell of the wine, its aroma and bouquet
4. Pouring wine into another container to let it breath.
6. Very important part of the grape which contains most flavour compounds, pigments, and tannins
7. What is the meaning of Amani

Use the letters in the yellow blocks to spell the name of our winemaker.

Send your answer to: corne@amani.co.za.



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