

What's Bubbling?

SUMMER 2013

Farmers welcome the seasons because without them we couldn't do what we do. This winter has been wet, replenishing water reserves and ensuring that the vines enjoy a decent rest. Now we look forward to summer and the anticipated increase in demand for bubbly.

In France, summer began wet and stormy. Flooding and hail damage was experienced in many regions but in the Roussillon we were spared. In July the conditions warmed up but due to cool conditions early on, the harvest is expected to be late. Pascal, our Domaine Grier brand manager will be going over to assist with the harvest. Jeff and Simon will be joining the team later to assist with decision making and control of the final quality.



Pascal our Domaine Grier Brand Manager with Raphael our Domaine Grier Winemaker



Pascal our Domaine Grier Brand Manager busy with the harvest

Back in South Africa we are building up to the annual Cape Winemakers Guild Auction on the 5th of October. Villiera has a stunning Cap Classique on auction called Meteor. It is from the 2008 vintage and it is a blend of all 3 Champagne varieties, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. It is complex and beautifully balanced, illustrating the art of blending. Meteor is related to our usual auction offering, Shooting Star which is a Blanc de Blanc style.

The CWG Auction is open to private buyers as well as trade. If you can't physically attend but would like to make a purchase, online and telephone bidding is available. Contact the Cape Winemakers Guild Office (tel: 021 852 0408, email: kate@capewinemakersguild.com) for further details. It is the best selection of unique wines in South Africa.



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Villiera Events

Summer Festival

Our Summer Festival is planned for 16 November 2013. You are welcome to visit us between 11h00 and 15h00 for a relaxed day of wine in the garden. There will be live music and food stalls to cater for all your needs. A cover charge of R60 per person (incl. glass) is payable and you need to book with Lucinda at Villiera Tel: 021 865 2002 or e-mail wine@villiera.com. Tasting stations will be dotted around the garden, featuring different wine styles. Needless to say, all our wines will be available by the bottle to enjoy on the day or by the case to take home. Special offers will be an added incentive to make the trip.

Bubbly Tasting for Wineclub Members

On 27 November we are planning a personalized tasting of our bubbly. Grier Brut (from France) will be included and we will also taste a couple of older Monro Brut vintages. The tasting begins at 19:00 in our tasting room and includes sushi followed by nougat. The cost will be R200 per head and you should book with Lucinda. Seats are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

St Vincent's Festival

Our next annual St. Vincent's day festival will be on 18 January 2014. We will celebrate the start of the harvest with great food, wine and music. Mystery cellar entertainment and an award to our best performing member of staff will be part of the program. The function begins at 18h00 and the cost will be R350 per person. Tables can be booked for 6, 8 or 10 people or you could book for less and join another table. Bookings can be made with Lucinda at Villiera Tel: 021 865 2002 or e-mail wine@villiera.com.



Game Drives



Our summer program of Game Drive Evenings opens on 9 October and is repeated on 29 October, 6 November, 13 November and 4 December.

The evening begins at 17:00 and includes a guided drive through part of our vineyard to the Sanctuary, where you will see numerous antelope and bird species. Upon your return to the Wine Sanctuary, you will experience a tasting followed by a light supper.

These evenings offer you an opportunity to experience all we have to offer for R200 per person. Bookings are required and should be made through Celeste at Villiera on Tel: 021 865 2002 or e-mail celeste@villiera.com.

Awards

The KLINK Wine Tourism Award

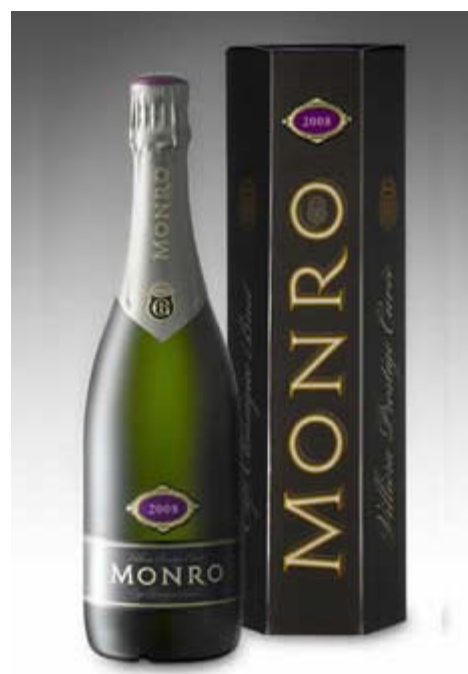
Some may remember that we won the Tread Gently category last year due to all our environmental projects. This year we have been nominated TWICE.

If in agreement, please click [HERE](#) and vote for us in the "Tread Gently" category AND the "Wild Card" Category (this is an award that goes to the wine farm with the most unusual attraction on a Wine Route. We have been nominated because of our Wildlife Sanctuary).

Voting closes on 31 October, SO PLEASE [vote](#) for us before that. There are great prizes to be won.



Gift Options



Our gift options include Monro Brut in gift boxes, gift packs (2 or 3 bottles of your choice) and Tradition Magnums are also available.

It is a good idea to keep this in mind in the lead up to the festive season.

Freedom Mhluzana's recycled bags can also be used for your gifts. These are available at R5 per bag.

Wine Club

If you have not yet joined our Wine Club, simply e-mail club@villiera.com to receive your membership form. For further information & benefits, contact Lucinda on Tel. 021 865 2002.

All new members that join at the farm or when placing an order for delivery (minimum order of a case) will receive a bottle of [Monro 2006](#), free of charge. Please leave an open compartment in one of your boxes for the free bottle.

We are also taking part in numerous other events all around South Africa, Germany and the UK. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) where we will keep you updated.



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Travel 2km from the R304 in the direction of Stellenbosch.
Villiera is at the T-junction on your right, opposite the Koelenhof winery.

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