

THE MORGENSTER MINUTE

"Love is like wine. To sip is fine, but to empty the bottle is a headache"
– Julio Iglesias

DEAR FRIENDS

The first international market that I opened up for our Morgenster Extra Virgin Olive Oil many years ago was in London. You can imagine how delighted I was to hear that from 24 March Fortnum and Mason are taking our oil back on their shelves again after doing a selection process on 200 oils from which they chose 15 to stock in store. Other UK retailers who sell our oil are Harrods, Selfridges, Partridges and Waitrose. If you have friends and family in London, perhaps you can tell them where to find our olive oil?

We are very happy that Morgenster 2010 and Morgenster 2003 were two out of the 12 winners in the Taj Classic Wine Trophy 2014, red wine category. The 2010 deserves a special mention and congratulations to our winemaker, Henry Kotzé (pictured on the right) as it is his first vintage for us.

The award for Most Iconic Entry for 2014 was won by Morgenster and Hamilton Russell Vineyards who shared the prize of a pair of new barriques. Henry is rejoicing over his Tonnellerie Darnajou which he says is one of the best performing barrels in our cellar.



In Italy we say "non dire 'gatto' se non ce l'hai nel sacco" (directly translated, do not say cat if you do not have it in the bag) so I will not put fate to work. I only say that we very much like what we see and the taste of the grapes from this year's grape harvest. We only have four years to wait to be absolutely sure... Till next time,

Ciao!
Giulio.

Julio Bekard



OUR HIGHEST MASTER CLASS!

Morgenster's export manager, Huibré Hoff, conducted a master class seemingly in the sky when she presented some of the Estate's well aged Bordeaux style vintages to hoteliers, restaurateurs, caterers and press in Hong Kong on 25th February.



The master class was held on the 102nd floor of the Ritz Carlton and showcased Morgenster and Lourens River Valley 01, 03, 05 and 09. During the three hour event coordinated by Morgenster's agent in Hong Kong, guests arrived in relays in line with their working hours. Morgenster 2001 and Lourens River Valley 2005 emerged as favourites.

Click [here](#) for pictures from the Wine Times guide to the Hong Kong wine scene.



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Claudio Uccello, Italian Executive Chef
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Pretoria >>



WIN!

You can win this vertical collection of six luscious Lourens River Valley vintages by answering our question: *Henry Kotzé is Morgenster's winemaker. Who is the Estate's consultant winemaker?* Click [here](#) to enter.



KOSHER CERTIFICATION

All Morgenster's olive oils and products are Kosher certified. This does not however include the Estate's Balsamic Vinegar which is made and bottled for us in Modena, Italy.

For the first time in 2014, bottles of Morgenster Extra Virgin Olive Oil also carrying a Passover certification in addition to the Beth Din Kosher certification, will be available at selected outlets.

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