



EXCEEDING ALL
EXPECTATIONS



Harvest Update

Our winemaker Jacques Viljoen, together with our cellar team - Elma van Graan, Aubrey Roberts and Smiley have just finished the 2014 harvest. Jacques was also supported in the cellar by Charles Lourens of Bottle Plate Pillow and intern James Scott this year. The 2014 harvest turned out to be a longer harvest season in comparison to 2013, mainly as a result of the excellent weather conditions and the consistent temperatures experienced during summer. Crop wise we are exceptionally pleased with the quality of the fruit as well as the increase in yields. We can also see the positive results to our patient approach to the harvest in the concentration and depth of the wines. By waiting to pick the grapes at optimum ripeness, even when this required picking a single vineyard in phases, is yielding fantastic results in the cellar. Earlier in March we also utilised a harvest machine, as part of a testing demonstration. The machine's delicate handling of the bunches and preciseness was very impressive.

New Vintage Releases

This month sees the release of a trio of 2013 Zevenwacht white wines under the flagship range.

The first is the Zevenwacht Chenin Blanc 2013, (a Top 100 SA Wine selection), is harvested from 32-year old vines. The palate contains elements of honey, nuts and ripe pineapple with hints of yellow peach. Partially oaked, it is a wine that develops and deepens both in colour and aroma over time. As such it rewards the patient with extra complexity while offering the impatient oodles of up-front fruit and freshness.

The **Zevenwacht Chardonnay 2013** is the second bottling of this noble varietal, harvested from virus-free Chardonnay material planted in 2005. This vintage has again been Barrel Fermented for 8 months. The palate is both rich and refreshing with a combination of lime-citrus and white pear flavours. Classically dry, yet luxuriously silky with superb viscosity.

Our final 2013 release this month is **The Tin Mine White 2013**. A creamy and aromatic Mediterranean style wine blended from Chardonnay, Viognier, Chenin Blanc and Roussane grapes. A ripe and exotic wine that is subtly oaked with a slight aroma of roasted almonds. With a 4-Star Platter rating for The Tin Mine White 2012 vintage, we have even higher expectations for the 2013 vintage.



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New Team Member

Ancu van Wyk recently joined the team at Zevenwacht to head up the Wine Tasting Centre. Introduced at an early age, into the alluring world of winemaking by her father, she went on to study viticulture and then diversified her studies to obtain a degree in tourism.

She is passionate about wine and is most enthused when she can share this with guests. Her desire is to offer a superb wine experience at Zevenwacht that is both informative and enjoyable.



Cape Argus

Despite the Cape Argus Race taking place right in the middle of harvest, (which probably contributed to his über fitness) Jacques wanted to participate in the race with his Mother, Letitia who had set this goal for 2014!

Keeping pace with with each other the whole race, they completed the Argus in 5 hours 20 minutes.

Well done to Jacques and Letitia on this accomplishment!

Easter Offerings

Chocolate and Wine Parings

Join the friendly Wine Tasting Centre staff for a sublime Chocolate Truffle and Wine Pairing @ R65.00 per person.

Accommodation Special from 14 April to 4 May 2014

- Country Inn @ R 745.00 per adult & R240.00 per child

- Vineyard Cottages @ R380.00 per adult & R240.00 per child
- The package includes a Complimentary Wine Tasting and a 10% discount at The Manor House Restaurant for Dinner.

Easter Egg Hunt on 20 April

- Guests on the 19th April can book their children for the Easter Egg Hunt on 20 April @ 09h00. Included in accommodation.

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On the Stellenbosch Wine Route, Langverwacht Road, Kuils River

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