



# GROOTE POST

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Rainfall the lowest in 50 years.....grape production down.....but some standout cultivars to look forward to. The season 2016 was a huge challenge to any farmer in South Africa, whatever your farming enterprise. It's not a year that we would like to have repeat itself soon. If you haven't attended our month-end market then you are missing out on a family day out in the countryside like so many have taken advantage of over the past two years. We take a winter break and resume the market on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Lukas and I have travelled the globe over the past 2 months attending tastings and visiting customers in Europe and America.

*Nick*

## Cellar Worker of the year 2016:

We are proud to announce that Gerrit Korah is this years Cellar Worker of the Year. Gerrit is our forklift driver and one of the "raak vatters" of our Cellar Team. Gerrit has been working at Groote Post for 20 years, he started out at the dairy.



Above: Groote Post Cellar Team

Right: Lukas Wentzel, Gerrit Korah (winner) and Wilna de Clerk

Left: Lukas Wentzel, Cornel April (runner Up) and Wilna de Clerk.



## 2016 Pars verslag deur Jannie de Clerk:

Groote Post se 2016 druwe oes was baie vroëer gepars as gevolg van hoë somer temperature, twee droë somers wat ons agter die rug het en 'n swak winter reënval. Die voginhoud in die grond was baie minder en die damme se watervlakte was baie laag. Water was beperk vir besproeing en was dit 'n uitdaging! Die beperkte waterbronne het veroorsaak dat net een derde van ons wingerd 'n eenmalige besproeing kon kry. Klimaatstoestande het veroorsaak dat die 2016 oes met 30% af is in produksie teenoor die 2015 oes. Kultivars se digtheid het verskil, die trosse was kleiner, korrels was losser op die tros. Die voordeel van dit was dat die trosse individueel baie mooi ryp geword het. Deur al die uitdagende omstandighede en met die vroeë oes, het die wingerde verbasend goed gelyk aan die einde van die oes. Alle druwe was op 10 Maart 2016 klaar gepars. Ons sien uit daarna om die 2016 oes saam met julle te geniet.



## Overseas trips:

Both Nick (in UK and USA) and Lukas (in Germany and UK) spent some time overseas recently, here are some pictures of their trips.



## **Groote Post Country Market—Looking back at 2 seasons:**

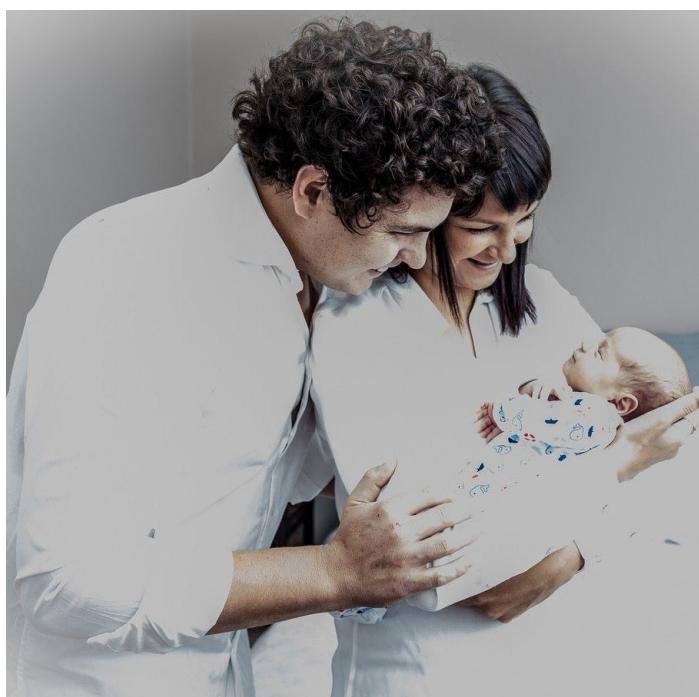
With 2 full seasons of the Groote Post Country Market completed and 23 315 people through the market gates we will be taking a well deserved winter break for the month's of May, June and July. We will be back on the 28th of August for more of your favourite Darling produce and crafts. We would like to thank everyone who supported the market the past 2 years.

Market Greetings,  
Eldre, Nadine and the ILY Team



### **Congratulations:**

Wimpie and Noeline Borman's son was born on the 14th of March 2016. Welcome Peter Stephanus Borman, may you bring your parents loads of happiness!



# **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**WE ARE TAKING A WINTER BREAK.  
(MAY, JUNE, JULY)**

**NEW SEASON DATES 2016/2017:**

**28 AUG / 25 SEP  
30 OCT / 27 NOV  
18 DEC Christmas Market  
29 JAN / 26 FEB  
26 MAR / 30 APR**

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  - Groote Post Shiraz 2012

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