

SA Terroir Wine Awards – July 2009 (FULL RESULTS BELOW)

## South Africa's top wines of origin

After a record 205 entries for the fourth annual SA Terroir Wine Awards, three wineries this year made their mark by entering two national winners, namely Bon Courage Estate near Robertson, Springfontein Estate near Stanford and Strandveld Vineyards near Elim.

Bon Courage delivered the Top Cabernet Sauvignon with the Bon Courage Inkara Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 and Top Colombar with the Bon Courage Andre's Fame 2009, both are estate wines. Springfontein's two national winners are also estate wines, the Springfontein Jonathan's Ridge Pinotage 2007 for the Top Pinotage and Springfontein Jil's Dune Chenin Blanc 2008 for the Top Chenin Blanc. It is the second year consecutively that Springfontein entered the Top Chenin Blanc. Strandveld Vineyards' national winners are Strandveld Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2008 for the Top Sauvignon Blanc and First Sighting Shiraz 2007 for the Top Shiraz. Both are certified as Wine of Origin from the Elim ward.

The bordering wine growing areas from Hermanus to Elim, namely Walker Bay and Cape Agulhas, this year delivered seven of the twenty National Certificate winners, those from Springfontein and Strandveld, as well as the Hermanuspietersfontein Swartskaaap 2007 for the Top Cabernet Franc (second year consecutively), David Nieuwoudt Ghost Corner Semillon 2008 for the Top Semillon (second year consecutively) and Wildekrans MCC 2007 for the Top Sparkling wine.

This year was the first time a Rosé wine received a National Certificate at the annual SA Terroir Wine Awards and it is a Pinotage Rosé from the Goudini ward in the Breedekloof, the Avondrood Blush Pinotage Rosé 2009.

Another first National Certificate winner was for a red Muscat d'Alexandrie dessert wine from Prins Albert in the Klein Karoo, the SoetKaroo Red Muscat d'Alexandrie 2008.

"There are only two red Muscat d'Alexandrie (Hanepoot) wines in South Africa and the majority of the judges insisted that this wine must be awarded for its uniqueness and high quality. The National Certificate is for the red Muscat d'Alexandrie cultivar and not for the top dessert wine," says Marius Labuschagne, project leader of SA Terroir Wine Awards.

The other National Certificate winners are Diemersfontein Thokozani 2008 (Wellington ward) for the Top Red Blend, De Grendel Winifred 2008 (Durbanville ward) for the Top White Blend, Signatures of Doolhof Malbec 2007 (Wellington ward) for the Top Malbec, Fort Simon Platinum Collection 2008 (estate wine, Bottelary) for the Top Viognier, Glenwood Chardonnay Vignerons Selection 2008 (Franschhoek ward) for the Top Chardonnay, Anura Petit Verdot Limited Release 2007 (Simonsberg-Paarl ward) for the Top Petit Verdot, Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2005 (estate wine, Constantia) for the Top Natural Sweet Wine, Bergsig Cape LBV 200 (estate wine, Breedekloof) for the Top Port and both Nuy White Muscadel 2004 and Nuy Red Muscadel 2003 (Nuy ward) for the Top Muscadel. Nuy last year also entered the Top Muscadel.

The three wines which received the highest score and which were rated highest of all the wines entered are the Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2005, Springfontein Jil's Dune Chenin Blanc 2008 and Diemersfontein Thokozani 2008.

SA Terroir Wine Awards, with the cooperation of the Wine and Spirit Board, strictly apply the rule that only wines certified as single vineyard, estate or from a specific ward can participate.

Most entries were Shiraz (30), followed by Sauvignon Blanc (25), Red Blends (22), Chardonnay (17), Pinotage (14) and Cabernet Sauvignon (14). The organisers were quite surprised with the number of natural sweet wines that were entered, ten in total, of which most were Noble Late Harvest wines.

The judges were Charl Theron, Dave Hughes, David Biggs, Elsa Carstens and Clive Torr.

Johan Henn, CEO of Novare Actuaries and Consultants, the sponsor of SA Terroir Wine Awards, said: "This sponsorship fits in well with our business philosophy, which is to look for unique opportunities that contribute to the development of the South African investment environment and economy. Novare's vision of entrepreneurial spirit, continuous innovation and creativity is reflected in the SA Terroir Wine Awards that recognise wine-making excellence."

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FULL RESULTS (FOLLOWED BY CATEGORY WINNERS IN ALL THE DISTRICTS/WARDS)

### **SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate winners**

Top Cabernet Franc: Hermanuspietersfontein Swartskaaap 2007  
Top Cabernet Sauvignon: Bon Courage Inkara Cabernet Sauvignon 2007  
Top Colombar: Bon Courage Andre's Fame 2009  
Top Malbec: Signatures of Doolhof Malbec 2007  
Top Chenin Blanc: Springfontein Jil's Dune Chenin Blanc 2008  
Top Pinotage: Springfontein Jonathan's Ridge Pinotage 2007  
Top Rosé: Avondrood Blush Pinotage Rosé 2009  
Top Semillon: David Nieuwoudt Ghost Corner Semillon 2008  
Top White Blend: De Grendel Winifred 2008  
Top Viognier: Fort Simon Platinum Collection 2008  
Top Chardonnay: Glenwood Chardonnay Vignerons Selection 2008  
Top Red Blend: Diemersfontein Thokozani 2008  
Top Petit Verdot: Anura Petit Verdot Limited Release 2007  
Top Shiraz: First Sighting Shiraz 2007 (Strandveld)  
Top Sauvignon Blanc: Strandveld Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2008  
Top Natural Sweet Wine: Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2005  
Top Sparkling Wine: Wildekrans MCC 2007  
Top Port: Bergsig Cape LBV 2000  
Top Muscadel: Nuy White Muscadel 2004 en Nuy Red Muscadel 2003  
Top Red Muscat d'Alexandrie: SoetKaroo Red Muscat d'Alexandrie 2008

### **SA Terroir Wine Awards: Category Winners**

(Categorised on the ground of the variety of wines and number of producers in neighbouring areas)

## **Robertson District and Swellendam District Terroir Awards**

Top Chardonnay: De Wetshof Bateleur Chardonnay 2007  
Top Colombar: Bon Courage Andre's Fame Colombar 2009  
Top White Blend: Bon Courage Gooseberry Bush 2009  
Top Cabernet Sauvignon: Bon Courage Inkara Cabernet Sauvignon 2007  
Top Dessert Wine: Bon Courage White Muscadel 2008

## **Breedekloof District and Worcester District Terroir Awards**

Top Colombar: Nuy Colombar 2009 Top Chardonnay: Nuy Chardonnay 2008  
Top Petit Verdot: Hendrik Lodewyk Petit Verdot 2004 (Du Preez Estate)  
Top Shiraz: Jason's Hill Shiraz 2007  
Top Cabernet Sauvignon: Conradie Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2008  
Top Dessert Wine: Nuy White Muscadel 2004 and Nuy Red Muscadel 2003

## **Klein Karoo Region, Swartberg and Prins Albert Wards Terroir Awards**

Top Dessert Wine: SoetKaroo Muscat d'Alexandrie 2008

## **Constantia Ward, Houtbaai Ward and Cape Point District Terroir Awards**

Top Red Wine: Groot Constantia Shiraz 2006  
Top White Wine: Groot Constantia Gouverneurs Semillon 2008  
Top Natural Sweet Wine: Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2005

## **Durbanville Ward and Philadelphia Ward Terroir Awards**

Top Red Wine: De Grendel Shiraz 2007  
Top White Wine: De Grendel Winifred 2008

## **Paarl District Terroir Awards (including the Paarl wards below)**

Top Chenin Blanc: Bosman Family Vineyards Old Bush Vine 2008  
Top Viognier: Diemersfontein Carpe Diem Viognier 2008  
Top Chardonnay: Glenwood Chardonnay Vigneron's Selection 2008  
Top Sauvignon Blanc: Signatures of Doolhof Sauvignon Blanc 2009  
Top Red Blend: Diemersfontein Thokozani 2008  
Top Malbec: Signatures of Doolhof Malbec 2007  
Top Shiraz: Diemersfontein Carpe Diem Shiraz 2006  
Top Pinotage: Diemersfontein Carpe Diem Pinotage 2007  
Top Cabernet Sauvignon: Mount Vernon Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

## **Franschhoek Vallei Ward and Simonsberg-Paarl Ward Terroir Awards**

Top Red Wine: Mount Vernon Malbec 2007 and Anura Shiraz Ltd Release 2007  
Top White Wine: Glenwood Chardonnay Vigneron's Selection 2008

## **Wellington Ward and Voor-Paardeberg Ward Terroir Awards**

Top Red Wine: Diemersfontein Thokozani 2008  
Top White Wine: Signatures of Doolhof Sauvignon Blanc 2009 and Diemersfontein Carpe Diem Viognier 2008

### **Stellenbosch District Terroir Awards (including Stellenbosch wards below)**

Top Viognier: Fort Simon Platinum Collection 2008  
Top Red Blend: Muratie Ansela van de Caab 2006  
Top Cabernet Franc: Knorhoek Cabernet Franc 2006  
Top Pinotage: Fort Simon Pinotage 2006  
Top Cabernet Sauvignon: Knorhoek Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

### **Jonkershoek Ward and Banghoek Ward Terroir Awards**

None

### **Devon Valley, Papegaaiberg and Polkadraai Hills Wards Terroir Awards**

None

### **Simonsberg-Stellenbosch Ward Terroir Awards**

Top Red Wine: Knorhoek Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

### **Bottelary Ward Terroir Awards**

Top Red Wine: Fort Simon Pinotage 2006  
Top White Wine: Fort Simon Platinum Collection 2008

### **Swartland District and Darling District Terroir Awards**

Top White Wine: Kumkani Lanner Hill Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2008

### **Tulbagh District and Ceres Ward Terroir Awards**

None

### **Olifants River Region, Lambertsbaai and Cederberg Wards Terroir Awards**

Top Red Wine: Cederberg Shiraz 2007

### **Walker Bay, Overberg and Cape Agulhas Districts Terroir Awards**

Top Chenin Blanc: Springfontein Jil's Dune Chenin Blanc 2008  
Top Semillon: David Nieuwoudt Ghost Corner Semillon 2008  
Top Sauvignon Blanc: Strandveld Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2008  
Top White Blend: Strandveld Vineyards Adamastor 2008

Top Cabernet Franc: Hermanuspietersfontein Swartskaaap 2007  
Top Shiraz: First Sighting Shiraz 2007  
Top Pinotage: Springfontein Jonathan's Ridge Pinotage 2007