

# What's Bubbling?

SUMMER 2014

This year Spring Day lived up to its name. Winter bade farewell and the plant kingdom came alive. The Wildlife Sanctuary and the wine sales noticed it. We are lucky to be able to witness these seasonal changes.

In Europe the weather has been inconsistent and in Roussillon we are facing a challenge, but what is farming without a challenge? We began our French harvest on the 17th September when we picked our Chardonnay. Our Domaine Grier Rosé was harvested in the last week of September and the reds were picked in the first half of October.

We are fortunate to have two harvests a year in two different climatic zones. The chances are that, even with global warming, we will enjoy at least one successful harvest.



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## Awards

Our new packaging revamp has been well received and we are now more convinced than ever that it was the right decision. The awards season played along, rewarding some of the 2014 Whites carrying our new label.

The Traditional [Barrel Fermented Chenin Blanc 2014](#) was one of the top 10 Chenin's in South Africa in the inaugural Standard Bank Chenin Blanc top 10 Challenge. At the International Wine and Spirit Competition our Sauvignon Blanc and regular Chenin Blanc both received silver medals.

SAA has once again selected a Villiera Cap Classique for service to first and business class passengers. This time it was "old faithful" our [Villiera Tradition Brut](#) which we have been making for over 30 years.

In the regional (Stellenbosch) round of the *Farm Worker of the Year Competition*, Gladwin Nzima employed in the Villiera Cellar, won his category Technical Operator in the face of stiff competition. We are extremely proud of him.



## Game Drives



We are hosting a game drive evening on 5th November. The evening begins at 17h30 and includes a guided drive through part of our vineyard into the Wildlife 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 (cost: R225 per person). To book contact Celeste on 021 865-2002 or email [celeste@villiera.com](mailto:celeste@villiera.com).

Mondays - Fridays we conduct drives from 8:30 to 15:00 and on Saturdays we conduct drives at 9:00 and 13h00. Towards the end of the year, companies in particular, are looking for a unique way to end the year with their staff. In this case call us to book a group drive (maximum 30). A tasting and cellar tour can be included.

Your contact person for bookings and information on game drives is Lucinda on 021 865-2002 or email [wine@villiera.com](mailto:wine@villiera.com).

## Villiera Events

### Cobb cooking experience

Due to popular demand we will be hosting another Cobb cooking experience. On the 20th September we hosted our first such event for our wine club members and much fun was had by all.

The event was oversubscribed and, to cater for those who didn't get the opportunity the first time around, David Grier will again be present on 6th December to guide you through the preparation of your own lunch on a Cobb cooking unit. Jeff Grier will co-present, highlighting wines that can be enjoyed with the food you will prepare.

Please book with Lucinda on 021 865-2002 or email [wine@villiera.com](mailto:wine@villiera.com). The cost is R275 per person.



## The Klink Wine Tourism Awards

Some may remember that we won the *Tread Gently* category in 2012 due to all our environmental projects.

This year we have been nominated again for the *Tread Gently Award* which goes to the Wine Producer that sets the standards for green, farming practices in terms of sustainable viticulture, wine production, biodiversity and conservation initiatives.

If you agree, please vote for us at <http://ow.ly/BOCdE>.



Vote Villiera in the 2014 Klink Awards.



## Gift Options



Our gift options include Monro Brut in gift boxes and gift packs (2 or 3 bottles of your choice) Tradition Magnums and Domaine Grier Rose 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 email [club@villiera.com](mailto:club@villiera.com) to receive your membership form. For further information & benefits, contact René on 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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Villiera Wines is situated 40km from Cape Town, 20 km from Paarl and 10 km from Stellenbosch.

Take exit 39 from the N1 highway.

Travel 2 km towards the R304 in the direction of Stellenbosch.

Villiera is on the right corner of the R304 and R101, opposite the Koelenhof winery.

GPS Coordinates : Latitude: -33.837222 Longitude: 18.792778

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