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SOUTH AFRICA'S TOP TERROIR WINES HONOURED

Winners of the fifth annual SA Terroir Wine Awards, sponsored by specialist emerging markets financial services company, Novare, were announced at the Meerendal Wine Estate near Cape Town this week after a record 239 entries to the exclusive competition that portrays the country's different wine growing areas.

This year, three estates - Kaapzicht, Wildekrans and Klein Constantia - made their mark by each winning two national certificates.

Kaapzicht in the Bottelary ward was the top performer with the two national winners, Kaapzicht Steytler Vision 2007 for the top red blend and Kaapzicht Merlot 2007 for the top merlot, as well as two top wines in the Stellenbosch district, Kaapzicht Steytler Pinotage 2007 and Kaapzicht Cabernet Sauvignon 2007.

Wildekrans in the Bot River ward entered national certificate winners for the top chenin blanc, the Wildekrans Chenin Blanc Barrel Select 2009, and the top sparkling wine, the Wildekrans Chenin MCC 2008. The national certificate winners from Klein Constantia in the Constantia ward were the Klein Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 for the top cabernet sauvignon and the Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2006 for the top natural sweet wine.

"It is a great honour and a pleasure for us to be part of the most exclusive wine competition in the world based on origin, as well to contribute to the development of agricultural skills at Elsenburg Agricultural College. These sponsorships are consistent with Novare's philosophy of constantly being alert to opportunities in African economies and investment markets," said Marina van Till, Head of Marketing of Novare.

For the first time a trophy was awarded to the top wine area in South Africa. The winner of the Novare Trophy for SA Terroir Top Wine Area was the Wellington ward, with seven finalists and two national winners (Diemersfontein Pinotage and Doolhof Petit Verdot). Welbedacht of Schalk Burger & Sons produced three of the seven national finalists from Wellington.

Since the first SA Terroir Wine Awards in 2006, some producers have consistently shown that their terroirs are outstanding for specific cultivars. For example, the national certificate for the top semillon has been awarded three times to a David Nieuwoudt Ghost Corner Semillon, the top sauvignon blanc three times to a Bloemendal Sauvignon Blanc, the top viognier twice to a Fort Simon Viognier, and the top shiraz twice to a Bon Courage Inkará Shiraz.

Bon Courage has been the top performer over the past five years, with seven national certificates for different cultivars, sparkling wine and dessert wine, followed by Klein Constantia (five), De Grendel (four) and Doolhof (four).

“In the past five years entries for SA Terroir Wine Awards have grown from 151 to 239, which is an impressive performance considering the strict wine of origin rules that are applied to ensure that this competition is an expression of our top terroir wines. Only wines certified as a single vineyard wine, estate produced wine or from a specific ward can participate, and in the judging only quality counts,” said Marius Labuschagne, project leader of SA Terroir Wine Awards.

The judges were Charl Theron, David Biggs, Dave Hughes, Erika Obermeyer and Pierre Marais.

For the full results visit www.terroirwineawards.co.za

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Caption: The National Certificate winners of the 2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards for top cultivar wines, top red and white blend, sparkling wine and dessert wine. Front from left are Jacques Bruwer (Bon Courage), Therese de Beer (Bartiney), Danie Steytler jnr (Kaapzicht), Stiaan Cloete (Klein Constantia) and Stander Maas (Fort Simon). Middle from left are Francois Roode (Diemersfontein), Friedrich Kühne (Doolhof), William Wilkinson (Wildekran), Jaco Theron (Slanghoek) and Hannes van Rensburg (Plaisir de Merle). Behind from left are De Wet Viljoen (Neethlingshof), Christie Langeveld (Bloemendal), Juli Slabbert (Bloemendal) and Richard Theron (De Grendel).

National winners followed by area winners

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate winners

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Chardonnay:

Bartinney Chardonnay 2008

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Sauvignon Blanc:

Bloemendal Sauvignon Blanc 2009

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Red Blend:

Kaapzicht Steytler Vision 2007

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Merlot:

Kaapzicht Merlot 2007

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Cabernet Franc:

Plaisir de Merle Cabernet Franc 2008

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Muscat:

Slanghoek Red Muscadel 2009

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Chenin Blanc:

Wildeckrans Chenin Blanc Barrel Select 2009

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Sparkling Wine:

Wildeckrans Chenin MCC 2008

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Malbec:

Neethlingshof Malbec 2009

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Pinotage:

Diemersfontein Carpe Diem Pinotage 2008

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Cabernet Sauvignon:

Klein Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Natural Sweet Wine:

Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2006

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Semillon:

David Nieuwoudt Ghost Corner Semillon 2009

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top White Blend:

De Grendel Winifred 2009

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Viognier:

Fort Simon Platinum Collection Viognier 2009

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Petit Verdot:

Signatures of Doolhof Petit Verdot 2008

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards National Certificate for Top Shiraz:

Bon Courage Inkará Shiraz 2008

2010 SA Terroir Wine Awards Area winners

Robertson District and Swellendam District Terroir Awards

Top Chardonnay: Rietvallei Natural Chardonnay 2010

Top Colombar: Bon Courage Andre's Fame Colombar 2010 (16,2)

Top Red Blend: Rietvallei Shiraz, Petit Verdot, Viognier 2008

Top Shiraz: Bon Courage Inkara Shiraz 2008

Top Cabernet Sauvignon: Bon Courage Inkara Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

Breedekloof District Terroir Awards

Top Chenin Blanc: Deetlefs Estate Chenin Blanc 2008

Top Red Blend: Bergsig Icarus 2005

Top Pinotage: Bergsig Pinotage 2008

Worcester District Terroir Awards

Top Chardonnay: Nuy Chardonnay 2009

Top Cabernet Sauvignon: Conradie Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

Klein Karoo Region, Swartberg and Prins Albert Wards Terroir Awards

None

Constantia Ward, Hout Bay Ward and Cape Point District Terroir Awards

Top White Blend: Groot Constantia Gouverneurs White 2009

Top Red Blend: Klein Constantia Marlbrook 2008

Top Cabernet Sauvignon: Klein Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

Top Sauvignon Blanc: Klein Constantia Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Durbanville Ward and Philadelphia Ward Terroir Awards

Top Sauvignon Blanc: Bloemendal Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Top White Blend: De Grendel Winifred 2009

Top Shiraz: Phizantekraal Shiraz 2008

Top Pinotage: Maastricht Pinotage 2009

Paarl District Terroir Awards (including wards below)

Top Chenin Blanc: Welbedacht Chenin Blanc 2005

Top Chardonnay: Vrede-en-Lust Marguerite Chardonnay 2009

Top Red Blend: La Bri Shiraz Viognier 2007

Top Petit Verdot: Signatures of Doolhof Petit Verdot 2008

Top Merlot: Welbedacht Merlot 2007

Top Cabernet Franc: Plaisir de Merle Cabernet Franc 2008

Top Shiraz: Wamakersvallei La Cave Shiraz 2008

Top Pinotage: Diemersfontein Carpe Diem Pinotage 2008

Top Cabernet Sauvignon: Grande Provence Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

Franschhoek Valley Ward and Simonsberg-Paarl Ward Terroir Awards

Top Cabernet Sauvignon: Grande Provence Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

Top Chardonnay: Vrede-en-Lust Marguerite Chardonnay 2009

Top Red Blend: La Bri Shiraz Viognier 2007

Top Merlot: Marianne Merlot 2007

Top Cabernet Franc: Plaisir de Merle Cabernet Franc 2008

Wellington Ward and Voor-Paardeberg Ward Terroir Awards

Top Chenin Blanc: Welbedacht Chenin Blanc 2005

Top Red Blend: Welbedacht Cricket Pitch 2006

Top Petit Verdot: Signatures of Doolhof Petit Verdot 2008

Top Merlot: Welbedacht Merlot 2007

Top Shiraz: Wamakersvallei La Cave Shiraz 2008

Top Pinotage: Diemersfontein Carpe Diem Pinotage 2008

Stellenbosch District Terroir Awards (including ward Stellenbosch wards below)

Top Chenin Blanc: Fort Simon Chenin Blanc 2009

Top Sauvignon Blanc: Jordan Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Top Viognier: Fort Simon Platinum Collection Viognier 2009
Top Chardonnay: Bartinney Chardonnay 2008
Top Red Blend: Kaapzicht Steytler Vision 2007
Top Merlot: Kaapzicht Merlot 2007
Top Malbec: Neethlingshof Malbec 2009
Top Shiraz: Kyburg Shiraz 2007
Top Pinotage: Kaapzicht Steytler Pinotage 2007
Top Cabernet Sauvignon: Kaapzicht Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

Jonkershoek Ward and Banghoek Ward Terroir Awards

Top Chardonnay: Bartinney Chardonnay 2008

Devon Valley, Papegaaiberg and Polkadraai Hills Wards Terroir Awards

Top Sauvignon Blanc: Jordan Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Top Red Blend: Middelvlei Momberg 2007
Top Malbec: Neethlingshof Malbec 2009
Top Shiraz: Kyburg Shiraz 2007

Simonsberg-Stellenbosch Ward Terroir Awards

None

Bottelary Ward Terroir Awards

Top Chenin Blanc: Fort Simon Chenin Blanc 2009
Top Viognier: Fort Simon Platinum Collection Viognier 2009
Top Red Blend: Kaapzicht Steytler Vision 2007
Top Merlot: Kaapzicht Merlot 2007
Top Pinotage: Kaapzicht Steytler Pinotage 2007
Top Cabernet Sauvignon: Kaapzicht Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

Swartland District and Darling District Terroir Awards

Top Sauvignon Blanc: Kumkani Lanner Hill Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Tulbagh District and Ceres Ward Terroir Awards

Top Red Blend: De Heuvel Cape Blend 2008
Top Pinotage: De Heuvel Pinotage 2008
Top Shiraz: Koelfontein Shiraz 2006

Olifantsrivier Region, Lambertsbaai and Cederberg Ward Terroir Awards

Top Chenin Blanc: Cederberg Chenin Blanc 2009
Top Shiraz: Cederberg Shiraz 2008

Overberg District Terroir Awards (including Elgin ward below)

Top Red Blend: Elgin Vintners Agama 2007
Top Merlot: Shannon Mount Bullet 2007

Elgin Ward Terroir Awards

Top Red Blend: Elgin Vintners Agama 2007
Top Merlot: Shannon Mount Bullet 2007

Walker Bay and Cape Agulhas Districts Terroir Awards

Top Chenin Blanc: Wildekrans Chenin Blanc Barrel Select 2009
Top Semillon: David Nieuwoudt Ghost Corner Semillon 2009
Top Sauvignon Blanc: Hermanuspietersfontein Nr 5 Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Top White Blend: The Berrio Weather Girl 2009

Top Red Blend: Wildekrans Cabernet Franc Merlot 2008

Top Cabernet Franc: Hermanuspietersfontein Swartskaaap 2008

Top Pinotage: Springfontein Jonathan's Ridge Single Vineyard Pinotage 2008

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