

# Creation's Terrific Tasting Kit

Whether you have just embarked on your wine journey or whether it is an ongoing passion, the Creation Wine Club Kit is an essential tool. The kit makes it easier to set up and record casual tastings with your friends or team building events for your colleagues and also provides useful tips for starting your own wine club and assessing wines. No matter your level of interest in wine: it is suitable for beginners right through to connoisseurs.

The kit includes:

- A selection of 4 wines of distinction from Creation for your first tasting
- 2 branded wine coolers – 6 fine quality tasting glasses (additional glasses available for purchase)
- 4 tasting wheels
- Assessment forms
- 1 branded corkscrew
- 4 branded pens
- The Tasting Kit Booklet

The Tasting Kit Booklet addresses many of the most frequently asked questions about starting a wine club, the winemaking process, the assessment of wines – even the importance of good quality glasses. The kit recommends a number of fun themes to spice up any tasting and keep things interesting, and also offers practical tips for hosting a successful wine evening.

## **Creation in Burgundy and the Loire**

Imagine a hectic three days crisscrossing Burgundy and the Loire, visiting a famous tonnellerie here, doing an intensive barrel tasting there. And that while temperatures are often soaring to 35 in the shade! But to Jean-Claude (JC) and

Carolyn Martin of Creation it's all in a day's work ...

Yes, Carolyn and JC have continued their travels in Europe during the past week, touring to France to keep up to date with the latest vintages being produced in Burgundy and the Loire while also visiting barrel manufacturers who may become key suppliers. Click [here](#) to read Carolyn's report.

## **Creation Academy**

Private clients residing near the major centres of Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban who have purchased the Tasting Kit may also request the Creation Wine Academy experience presented by one of our regional ambassadors. The Academy will help you assess wine like a professional while learning some of cellarmaster Jean-Claude Martin's best kept secrets, including the unique elements of terroir that help to shape his wines. Getting together with friends isn't the same without a few bottles of good wine. Click [here](#) and answer one (very easy) question and you could win a Creation Tasting Kit!

## **Wine Word of the Week: Barrique**

'Barrique' is a name given to wine barrels, specifically 225-litre barrels used in the Bordeaux region of France. The size of barrels traditionally used in the various wine producing areas of France differs slightly, with a Burgundy barrel holding 228 litres and barrels used in the Loire usually 232 litres. In Bordeaux a larger 900-litre barrel is called a 'tonneau' while very large barrels that can hold upwards of 1000 litres are called 'foudres'.

## **Highlights and Happenings on the Creation Calendar**

Ranging from fun functions and sensational shows on the Creation Estate to maintaining a strong presence at prestigious wine events, we love to see you there! Here are

some of the latest attractions.

**Join Creation at The Eatery in Hermanus.** Creation Wines has teamed up with the new proprietors of popular local bistro The Eatery to present paired wine evenings on the first Wednesday of every month. Book now to secure your place: 028 3132970

23 – 26 July: **Good Food and Wine Show** with Chef Coco Reinartz  
Explore your Inner Foodie! For details click [here](#).

22 August, 3 pm – 8 pm: **Big Bottle Festival** at the Cape Town Club, 18 Queen Victoria St, Gardens, Cape Town. R450 pp. Join wine and food lovers at the 5th annual Big Bottle Festival, South Africa's super-sized and grandest annual wine tasting extravaganza, celebrating Big Bottle masterpieces. Participation of producers is strictly by invitation from The Big Bottle Festival Sommelier team in order to maintain the superior level set for the event. For details go to click [here](#).