

# **Klink Awards – We Did It Again!**

**Among Creation's recent spate of accolades is the KLINK Yin and Yang Award for Best Food and Wine Pairing at the Cellar Door.**

The consumer-driven KLINK Awards is an initiative of Wine Tourism South Africa and offers local wine lovers and foodies the opportunity to vote for their favourite wine farms, wines and food from the selected nominees. Instead of having a panel of judges, consumers vote for their best experience through social media channels. According to a KLINK spokesperson hundreds of nominations were received for the 2015 awards and these were vetted down to a list of 85 participants in 16 categories.

Creation was the winner of this sought-after award in 2012 as well as in 2014 – it is therefore the third time the estate walks away with the honours! A hearty thank you to all our loyal fans who voted for us. Please visit our beautiful estate on the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge soon and discover our truly heavenly new Pairing Menu!



## South African Chardonnay – The Road Forward

Chardonnay, while not the most internationally planted white grape cultivar, is definitely one of the most widely grown grapes, produced in every country where wine is made. Chardonnay is also one of the most recognisable cultivars and data shows that despite being influenced by trends (the era of ABC – ‘Anything But Chardonnay’ refers) it has remained consistently popular among consumers.

Big, sweet, oaky butter-bomb Chardonnays, like perms and shoulder pads, have long since been relegated to the 80s and 90s. The spike in unoaked Chardonnay under screw cap at a lower price point in the last decade has been, to a certain extent, a knee-jerk reaction to the ABC movement but has served the purpose of changing consumer perception.

“The upshot of these observations is that wine, much like fashion, is cyclical and trends come and go as tastes change”, says Carolyn Martin. “The key though is that the consistent

popularity of Chardonnay throughout all these changes points to a large proportion of cool climate Chardonnay producers who do not necessarily follow the trends. Characteristics of these classically styled, Chardonnays include elegant fruit, fresh minerality and complexity”.

Chardonnay was first brought to South Africa illegally (a result of the strict rules imposed by the KWV monopoly at the time) by the pioneers of Chardonnay – including Danie de Wet, Jan ‘Boland’ Coetzee and Peter Finlayson. It was smuggled in because these ambitious winemakers wanted to make serious, high quality wines, and it is their legacy that we build upon today. Click [here](#) to read further.

## **Bookings Open for December and January**

With the summer holidays around the corner, we’re now taking bookings for December 2015 and January 2016 – book now to avoid disappointment! Good news is that for the period 18 December to 15 January we’ll be extending our opening hours until 19h00 for sundowners (excluding 24 and 31 December when we will close at 17h00 pm). Click [here](#) to see our new Sunset Tapas Menu available between 17h00 and 19h00 pm.

For those who like to get an early start to the day, we offer our 10AM Brunch Pairing (arrival at 09h45). This innovative pairing comprises 8 breakfast-themed canapés with 8 premium wines from the Creation range. Challenge your senses and treat your palate to a truly unique experience! Pre-booking essential.

Click [here](#) to read about all the pairing options available for your visit. To book, call (028) 212 1107 or contact [info@creationwines.com](mailto:info@creationwines.com).

## **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.

## HERMANUS

**28 November at 9h00 – 13h00: Hermanus Country Market, Hermanus Cricket Club Hermanus** A small market with a lot of soul. Where good friends meet, hug and eat... an amazing array of fresh organic produce, homemade delicacies, artisan breads, probiotic yoghurts, handmade cheeses, home smoked fish, happy hen eggs, and wheat-free bakes and local wines. For more information visit their **facebook** page.



## CAPE TOWN



**28 November, 11h00 – 16h00: Family Day, 4a Helgarda Avenue, Hout Bay** Join us for Hout Bay House Family Day! Visit a unique timber building, enjoy delicious Creation Wines, homemade cakes and activities for the kids. For more info, click **here**.

**9 December from 17h30 to 19h30: Tuning the Vine** After an exciting 2014 launch event, Tuning the Vine takes to the hippest streets in Cape Town, linking some of the city's most exciting venues through a curated mid-week wine adventure. For more details click [here](#). Tickets available at Quicket online.

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