

More Daring Pairings at Creation

Over the past seven years Creation has established a proud reputation for innovative wine pairing experiences in the Tasting Room. From humble beginnings our wine pairing canapé concept has been joined by five pioneering pairing experiences – including our mysterious and magical Secret Pairing and the hip and happening Brunch Pairing.

Now, to enhance the pairing adventure Creation will be offering speciality pairing platters and an expanded wine and canapé experience to excite all the senses. Our Tasting Room pairing menu is currently undergoing some sensational changes which will be introduced over the next few weeks. At Creation we believe the true art of wine and food pairing lies in meticulously considering all the senses involved and ensuring that they are stimulated and rewarded with each pairing. Add to this a well-appointed Tasting Room on a beautiful wine estate with exceptional service and all we can say is ‘watch this space’!

Evolution of Pairing



How it started

Many of the over 40 000 visitors we were privileged to welcome to Creation last year commented on the ingenious combinations of flavour and texture that complement our wines so perfectly, and wondered how we manage to come up with the sometimes unexpected (but always delicious) pairings. Carolyn Martin (née Finlayson), co-owner and marketing director, is the wine and food pairing guru at Creation Wines and firmly believes that there is no formula and very few unbreakable rules when it comes to finding the perfect match. All of which makes pairing a somewhat esoteric art, one which relies on experience and intuition as much as a willingness to try new things

Click [here](#) to read more.

Pairing Tip of the Week: Big Reds like Protein

The tannin structure of big, bold red wines is what allows them to age gracefully, however when consumed in their youth these wines can be considered very dry. This is because phenols (tannins) bind easily to protein (for instance the protein in your mouth). This is one reason why a rare steak combines so well with a full-bodied and tannic red wine: the tannins bind with the protein in the steak making the wine taste softer and fruitier.

Creation Excels in Tim Atkin SA Report 2015

Creation is proud to announce that leading British wine writer Tim Atkin has scored 13 of our wines at over 90 points!

Creation Art of Chardonnay	2014	94
Creation Art of Pinot Noir	2013	92

Creation Chardonnay	2014	92
Creation Grenache	2014	89
Creation Merlot	2013	92
Creation Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot	2013	92
Creation Pinot Noir	2014	91
Creation Reserve Merlot	2012	93
Creation Reserve Pinot Noir	2013	94
Creation Sauvignon Blanc	2015	91
Creation Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon	2014	92
Creation Syrah	2013	92
Creation Syrah, Grenache	2013	93
Creation Viognier	2015	90

Creation at Cape Floral Kingdom Expo

As a proud BWI member and actively involved in the conservation of our Cape Floral Kingdom, Creation will be participating in the Cape Floral Kingdom Expo for the first time this year. Creation boasts a beautiful indigenous garden on the estate, boasting some 50 indigenous Fynbos species. Join Creation for an extraordinary wine tasting experience at the Cape Floral Kingdom Expo in Bredasdorp on 27 and 28 August 2015. Go to www.capefloralkingdom.co.za for more information.

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.

CAPE TOWN

21 & 22 August 15h00 to 20h00: Big Bottle Festival at the Cape Town Club, 18 Queen Victoria St, Gardens, Cape Town. R450 pp.

Join wine and food lovers at South Africa's super-sized and grandest annual wine tasting extravaganza, celebrating Big Bottle masterpieces. Participation of producers is strictly by invitation to maintain the superior level set for the event. For details, click [here](#).

29 August: Casa Labia Sanlam Portrait Awards, 192 Main Rd, Muizenberg, Cape Town

Tel: 021 788 6068 Email: gallery@casalabia.co.za

PRETORIA

24 September 10h00 – 17h00: Fijnwyn Food and Wine Festival, Shokran Events Venue outside Pretoria Come and enjoy delicious food and wine pairing and spend some quality time with family and friends. Tickets through itickets.co.za: R130 Adults, Kids under 12 Free. For more info go to www.fijnwyn.co.za.

30 Sept – 6 Oct: Tierlantyn'kies, 3Ci Zwavelpoort Atterbury Extension, Pretoria A celebration of creativity for the young, old, moms, dads and little ones; for the collectors, the fashionistas and the connoisseurs. Apart from the more than 60 exhibitors selling a variety of goods, there are many food and deli stalls offering an assortment of delicious treats! Tickets at the entrance. For more info go to www.tierlantynkies.co.za.

GAUTENG

26 & 27 September 11h00 – 19h00: Casalinga Festa de Primavera, Rocky Ridge Road, Off Beyers Naude Drive, Muldersdrift Visitors will be treated to a fantastic selection of fine wines from 20 estates, olives, craft beer on tap, artisanal foods and crafts, as well as live music from some of South Africa's top bands. Adults R250, Children under 12 R90. For more info and to book, click [here](#).