

Spotlight on Viognier

Although little known in South Africa, Viognier is a cultivar which is becoming increasingly popular and production has escalated over recent years. Creation was the first farm in the Hemel-en-Aarde to plant this grape, which is believed to be an ancient variety first brought to central and Western Europe from Croatia in Roman times. Genetically it is a cousin of Nebbiolo and closely related to the lesser known Piedmont grape, Freisa.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Creation wins TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence

We're delighted to have been awarded the coveted TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence for 2015! This achievement is the direct result of our consistently great reviews from TripAdvisor travellers. A big thank you to our visitors for your generous comments!

Please share your Creation experience [here](#)

The Joshua Tree

Creation Wines is proud to be associated with The Joshua Tree – a non-profit organisation and a member of Lishtol Community Projects based in Bredasdorp in the Overberg focussing on job creation and skills training amongst the underprivileged in the community. Founded by Simon and Emily Wichall, The Joshua Tree has grown from humble beginnings: a vision that started as one unemployed member of the local community who had never done carpentry before working from a single garage has resulted in 18 skilled carpenters and 14 fulltime members of staff. As a skills centre they believe in giving back to the community and take a holistic approach to each member of the

team and their families. All their products are made from reclaimed French oak wine barrels with which they create a range of upcycled quality furniture and household items. The Joshua Tree also accepts custom design commissions.

To view a gallery of designs and purchase furniture visit www.woodfurniturewesterncape.co.za or contact Simon on 082 762 5259 or Emily on 072 553 8314.

The Creation Wine Tasting Kit

Whether you have just embarked on your wine journey or whether it is an on-going 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.

For more information please contact khail@creationwines.co.za

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.

Road Talk

Visitors to our little piece of paradise will be pleased to know that the surfacing of the Hemel-en-Aarde Road leading to Creation is progressing well and that the roadworks will soon be something of the past. For e-toll news, [click here](#).

The “We Build” Initiative

Creation is proud to be associated with ‘We Build’, a community project to construct fireproof dwellings in the fire prone townships. This admirable project is the brainchild of Anthea van der Pluym who, through suffering severe burns of her own, was moved to embark on a journey towards safer, more secure homes for those who currently reside in informal dwellings. For more information and to find out how you can contribute, [click here](#).

Highlights and Happenings on the Creation Calendar

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.

Wine and Dine at Borage Bistro – Cape Town, 21 May

Join Creation for a unique and delightful four course meal prepared by Chef Frank, paired with four Creation wines. Contact Dennis on 021 418 0992 for more details.

Cape Town Good Food & Wine Show – Cape Town International Convention Centre, 21 – 24 May

From celebrity chef cooking demonstrations to food and wine tastings and kids' workshops there is something for everyone. Times: 10 am – 9 pm (Thurs – Sat), 10 am – 6 pm (Sun). Tickets available through Computicket.

Wine Concepts Burgundy Lovers Festival – The Wanderers Club, Johannesburg, 28 May

Wine Concepts have handpicked 25 of South Africa's top Chardonnay and Pinot Noir producers to showcase their outstanding wines. R200 includes tasting of all wines on offer as well as snacks throughout the evening. Time: 6 pm – 9 pm. Tickets available through Webticket or contact Corlien on 083 379 0030

Hermanus FynArts Festival, 5 – 16 June

An all-encompassing fair of visual arts, literature, music and award-winning food and wine, hosted in assorted venues in and around the quaint coastal town of Hermanus. Tickets available through Webticket. Visit www.hermanusfynarts.co.za for more information.