

Newsletter of  
the Biodiversity  
& Wine Initiative



# Biodiversity & Wine Buzz



## Season's Greetings

**BWI would like to thank all our members for their dedication and commitment to the project during the course of this year and take this opportunity to wish all our members, funders, partners and supporters - a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and new year blessings for a prosperous harvest 2008!**

### **BWI reaches the 100 mark!**

The number of members and champions continues to increase, and the total hectares conserved are climbing steadily. As of December 2007, there are now **107 members and champions**, collectively conserving **63,000ha** ! This is equivalent to **63%** of the vineyard footprint. Thank you to all our producers for your ongoing commitment to conserving the Cape Winelands!

BWI welcomes their newest champion onboard: **Backsberg Wine Estate!**



### **New Collective cellars:**

Daschbosch Wine Cellar

### **New Members:**

Altydgedacht

Blijdschap

Blue Crane Vineyards

Deetlefs Wine Estate

De Heuvel Wine Estate

Diemersdal Wine Estate

Jordan Wines

Fairview

Groote Post

Hermanuspietersfontein

Ormonde Vineyards

Remhoogte Wine Estate

Rosevilla

Theuniskraal

Tierhoek

Weltevrede

Vanzylsdamme

### **What is the Biodiversity & Wine Initiative (BWI)?**

The BWI is a partnership between the South African wine industry and the conservation sector to minimize the further loss of threatened natural habitat and contribute to sustainable wine production.

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website!  
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## BWI Label and Marketing

The BWI is still in discussions with the Wine and Spirit Board and IPW re the longer term joint marketing strategy that we hope will be implemented by the industry in 2010 to endorse the environmental guarantees provided by IPW and BWI certification.

However, on the 22 November we were informed that we may now proceed in the interim with our own marketing drive and label, which we are now pursuing with the assistance of some key local producers to develop a label for use on the back label or as a separate sticker that will be made available to all BWI members in January 2008.

**So we are really looking forward to promoting you all in the new year with some exciting marketing opportunities and exposure!**

## Current BWI Members & Champions - total: 107

### CHAMPIONS (6)

Vergelegen  
Graham Beck Wines  
Cloof Wine Estate  
Burgherspost Wine Estate  
Wedderwill Wine Estate  
Backsberg Estate

### CO-OPERATIVE CELLAR

### MEMBERS (6)

Rooiberg Winery  
Perdeberg Winery  
Slanghoek Winery  
Botha Cellar  
Montagu Wine Cellar  
Daschbosch Cellars

### MEMBERS (94)

Almenkerk Wine Estate  
Altydgedacht  
Avondale  
Backsberg  
Beaumont Wines  
Bellevue Estate  
Bergsig Estate  
Bergwater Vineyards  
Black Pearl Wines  
Blijdschap  
Blue Crane Vineyards  
Boekenhoutskloof  
Bouchard Finlayson  
Boschendal  
Cape Point Vineyards  
Cederberg Wines  
Contreberg  
Conradie Family Vineyards  
De Krans  
De Grendel  
De Heuvel Wine Estate  
Delheim

Deetlefs Wine Estate  
De Wetshof Estate  
Diemersdal Wine Estate  
Doolhof Wine Estate  
Dornier Wines  
Eensgevonden  
Eikenhof Farm  
Fairview  
Faure Wine farms  
Fryers Cove  
Glenwood  
Groote Post  
Hamilton Russell Vineyards  
Haut Espoir  
Hartenberg  
Hermanuspietersfontein  
Herold Wines  
Janeza Private Cellar  
Joubert Tradouw  
Jordan Wines  
Kapel  
Keermont Vineyards  
Koopmanskloof  
Laborie  
Lanzerac  
Lomond  
Lorraine Private Cellar  
Louisenhof Wines  
Lourensford Estate  
Moddervlei Vineyards  
Mofam Trust  
Molteno Brothers  
Mons Ruber Estate  
Montagne  
Mooiplaas  
Newton Johnson Wines  
Oak Valley Wines  
Opstal Estate

Ormonde Vineyards  
Paul Cluver Wines  
Plaisir de Merle  
Quoin Rock Wine Estate  
Remhoogte Wine Estate  
Rico Suter Wines  
Riverstone Vineyards  
Robert Stanford Estate  
Rosevilla  
Rustenberg  
Rusticus Vintage Cellar  
Schalkenbosch Wines  
Seidelberg Wine Estate  
Southern Right  
Steenberg Winery  
Siyabonga (Stormhoek)  
Strandveld Vineyards  
Theuniskraal  
Tierhoek  
Towers  
Tukulu Wines  
Tulbagh Mountain Vineyards  
Van Loveren  
Vanzyldamme  
Viljoensdrift Wines  
Waterford Estate  
Waterkloof  
(False Bay Vineyards)  
Waverley Hills Organic Estate  
Weltevrede  
Wilgenhof  
Winecorp Holdings  
Wolvendrift Estate  
Zoetendal Wines

**Please refer to our website  
for a regularly updated list:  
[www.bwi.co.za](http://www.bwi.co.za)**

### BWI Internal Auditing Process

BWI membership is valid for a two year period, which is then renewed after an internal BWI audit has been successfully completed. To date, 19 members, 1 champion and 1 collective cellar member were audited in 2007, and a further 54 audits are scheduled for 2008.

The audit procedure is based on the initial criteria that producers have to comply with to obtain their BWI status.

During the audit, a site visit is undertaken to assess the following:

1. The producer's implementation of the BWI's biodiversity guidelines. The BWI self-evaluation form is used as the basis to evaluate the member's performance and progress with regard to the management recommendations made during the initial site visit. It is important to keep records of all management actions. Where a management plan exists, management objectives and timeframes as specified in this document are used to assess progress to date.
2. The visit will include a discussion about any new developments (e.g. vineyard expansion, dams, boreholes) that took place. The landowner needs to prove the legalities of all these developments (copies of necessary permits/registrations are required).
3. The map of the conservation area is compared with the existing area, to ensure that none of the demarcated conservation areas have been developed.
4. As IPW is a requirement for BWI status, we also request a copy of the producer's latest IPW certificate (for farm and cellar)
5. **Future management recommendations are then discussed for the following two years.** It is important to stress that this initiative is based on a philosophy of continual improvement, all members are encouraged to compile a basic management plan stating their conservation objectives, actions and timeframes and person responsible for implementing the plan.

### LATEST STATS

Total area conserved  
(collectively on all  
members & champions  
farms) = 63,000 ha.

This is equivalent to 63%  
of the vineyard footprint in  
the Cape winelands!

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experiences, opinions,  
knowledge and views.

