



Stellenbosch Wine Festival TOASTS WINELANDS SPIRIT

Weekend Argus

A kaleidoscope of fun-filled activities will descend on the Cape Winelands when the 8th annual Stellenbosch Wine Festival takes centre stage at the Paul Roos Centre from 30 July to 2 August.

The 2009 extravaganza kicks off with a Wine Connoisseur Evening on the Thursday (31 July), which promises a real treat for wine enthusiasts who want to side-step the swarming crowds and rub shoulders with leading winemakers, whilst sipping on Stellenbosch's finest.

New and exclusive events on this year's programme include the Gourmet Lane where top local restaurants will whet appetites and the Demo Kitchen where the hottest chefs in town will be cooking up a storm. The Stellenbosch Wine Festival also boasts an exciting line-up of homegrown music talent including Sima, Zamar and Gerald Clark and culminates with a special Family Day (Sunday, 2 August) that offers barrels of fun for the kids.

As if showcasing more than 500 wines and gourmet delights, all under one roof, is not enough, this year the Stellenbosch Wine Festival literally goes the extra mile to extend its hospitality even further with its preceding Wine Week – 24 to 31 July.

It is an ideal opportunity to explore the true spirit of South Africa's oldest and foremost wine route in one week with daily trips, restaurant specials, exclusive winemaker dinners and much more.

The Stellenbosch Wine Festival offers an extended transport system stretching from Paarl to Somerset West, Franschoek, the V&A Waterfront and surrounding wine farms for the convenience of visitors and to combat drinking and driving.

Tickets for the Stellenbosch Wine Festival are available from Computicket, ranging from R100 per person, to R300 for the Golden Pass.

For a complete Wine Week Programme and information on the Stellenbosch Wine Festival; accommodation specials and packaged tours, **contact 021 886 4310 or visit www.wineroute.co.za.**

WIN WIN WIN A WINE OF A TIME!

The Weekend Argus, in conjunction with the Stellenbosch Wine Festival, is giving you the chance to shake off the winter blues and experience the laidback tranquillity of the world-renowned Stellenbosch American Express® Wine Routes with prized vineyards at your doorstep.

1 FIRST PRIZE includes a charming 2-night weekend getaway for one lucky couple at Alluvia Guesthouse nestled in the picturesque Banhoek Valley just outside Stellenbosch.



Cocooned in stylish country-style comfort, Alluvia Specialist Winery and Guesthouse offers an exclusive 'vineyard lifestyle' experience, enthralled with fine wines, luxurious accommodation and breathtaking scenery to revive body, mind and soul. (www.alluvia.co.za)

1st: A weekend stay (Friday & Saturday) for one couple at Alluvia Guesthouse. Breakfast included. Valid until September 2009 (valued at R7000).

To win this prize sms ALLUVIA and your name to 34445. Lines open at 6am today and close at 10pm on 5 July

2 SECOND PRIZE offers a romantic 2-night weekend stay for two couples at Sugarbird Manor situated on the Protea Heights Farm in the Devon Valley.



This picture perfect Stellenbosch jewel reverse the Cape Wineland's country roots with a twist, of city sophistication. The winners can enjoy unique and plentiful activities in the valley, including an exhilarating hike or serene mountain bike ride. (www.sugarbirdmanor.co.za)

2nd: A weekend stay (Friday & Saturday) for 2 couples at Sugarbird Manor. Breakfast included. Valid for one year (valued at R5500).

To win this prize sms SUGARBIRD and your name to 34445. Lines open at 6am today and close at 10pm on 5 July

3 THIRD PRIZE invites one lucky couple to soak up the serenity of farm life during a two-night sleepover at the 4-star, family-owned, Auberge Rozendal, situated at Rozendal Wine Farm, at the gateway to the Jonkershoek Valley in Stellenbosch.



Quality meets simplicity at this enchanting country inn which offers 16 ensuite rooms, each with its own terrace and magnificent views. (www.aubergerozendal.co.za)

3rd: A two-night stay for one couple at Auberge Rozendal Wine Farm. Breakfast included. Valid until 15 October 2009 (valued at R2670).

To win this prize sms ROZENDAL and your name to 34445. Lines open at 6am today and close at 10pm on 5 July

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