

## **Wine festival records good sales**

THE STELLENBOSCH Wine Festival saw record attendance figures and record wine sales of over R400 000, despite heavy rain during the first two days of the event. Wine sales at last year's event were around R100 000. This year's festival had more than 500 wines from 100 wineries, all of who are members of the Stellenbosch Express Wine Routes.

The festival also focused its efforts on minimising its carbon footprint, with nearly all waste being either turned into compost or collected for recycling by a company called Close the Loop, a local organisation that

specialises in organic waste.

Wine workshops, a food demonstration kitchen and various entertainers kept visitors busy.

The Stellenbosch Wine Festival is aimed at promoting a wine culture to consumers who are keen to learn more about wine.