

# The Wine & Olive Journal

A Monthly Newsletter By: Worcester Wine and Olive Route  
July 2022 Edition



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# **NATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE TOP 100 SA WINE RESULTS**

WORCESTER WINE AND  
OLIVE ROUTE WINNERS





*Alvi's Drift, home to several multi-award winning South African wines, clinched a total of 17 Top 100/Double Platinum & Double Gold Awards at the 2022 National Wine Challenge (NWC).*

**Grand Cru National Champion (Best in Class Award)**

- Alvi's Drift Reserve CVC - 2020

**TOP 100 & Double Platinum Awards:**

- Alvi's Drift Reserve CVC 2020
- Alvi's Drift Albertus Viljoen Bismarck (Red Blend) 2019
- Alvi's Drift Reserve Drift Fusion (Red Blend) 2019
- Alvi's Drift Verreux Pinotage 2019
- Alvi's Drift Reserve Drift Fusion 2020
- Alvi's Drift Albertus Viljoen Chenin Blanc 2020

*In addition to the 6 Double Platinum Awards Alvi's Drift also received 11 Double Golds and the Best In Class Award for our Reserve CVC at the 2022 National Wine Challenge (NWC)*

**Double Gold Awards:**

- Alvi's Drift 221 Chenin Blanc 2021
- Alvi's Drift Verreux Pinotage 2020
- Alvi's Drift Signature Chardonnay 2021
- Alvi's Drift Albertus Viljoen Bismarck 2020
- Alvi's Drift Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2021
- Alvi's Drift Brut Nature Cap Classique (Zero Dosage) NV
- Alvi's Drift Reserve Chardonnay 2020
- Alvi's Drift Muscat Blanc a Petits Grains Nectarinia 2016
- Alvi's Drift Albertus Viljoen Chardonnay 2020
- Alvi's Drift Brut Cap Classique NV

**Congratulations to Alvi's Drift and Winemaking team!**

*"The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible." ~ Arthur C. Clarke*



*Worcester Wine and Olive route is proud to announce that BC Wines scooped up three awards at this year's National Wine Challenge / Top 100 SA Wines including a Grand Cru (Best in Class Award)*

**Grand Cru National Champion (Best in Class Award)**

- Brandvlei Wynkelder Halftien 2020

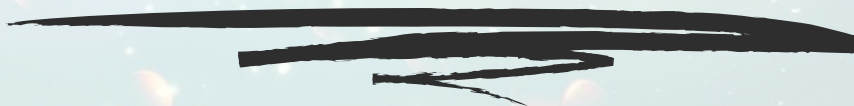
**Top 100 & Double Platinum awards:**

- Brandvlei Wynkelder Halftien 2020
- Brandvlei Wynkelder Pinotage Reserve 2020

*\*\*Please Note: Pinotage Reserve 2020 has not been released just yet. If you act quickly, you can still get some of the last Halftien 2019 stock. Keep a watch full eye on BC Wines Social Media on when this wine is released.\*\**

**Congrats to the BC Wines and Winemaking team!**

*"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says "I'm possible!"  
- Audrey Hepburn*







# DE WET CELLAR

*Defending champion De Wet Cellar is the third Worcester Wine Cellar to win this year's National Wine Challenge. De Wet Cellar achieved 6 Double Platinum & Double Gold Awards including a best in class award.*

## **Grand Cru National Champion (Best in Class Award)**

- De Wet Cellar White Muscadel 2021

## **Top 100 & Double Platinum awards:**

- De Wet Cellar White Muscadel 2021
- De Wet Cellar Hanepoot 2021

## **Double Gold Awards:**

- De Wet Cellar Leyland Steen Single Vineyard 2020
- De Wet Cellar Chardonnay 2020
- De Wet Cellar Vintage Mashup Chardonnay/Pinot Noir/Grenache Noir 2021

**Congratulations to De Wet Cellar & Winemaking Team!**

*"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." - Vince Lombardi*





# *What our Award Winning Winemakers Have to Say...*

**Dr Alvi van der Merwe, Winemaker & Owner:  
Alvi's Drift:**



*"Having 6 of our wines awarded double platinum status this year is a great honour and testimony to our team's dedication to excellence in all that they do. We are immensely proud of the team and this achievement, and we thank Robin and the team and NWC Top100 for their continued contributions to this industry through their commitment, consistency, and excellence."*

**Daneel Jacobs, Winemaker: Brandvlei  
Kelder / BC Wines:**

*"A great team effort from the vineyard to the bottle. We are extremely proud to have two wines in the National Wine Challenge Top 100 this year, celebrating one double platinum and one Grand Cru!"*

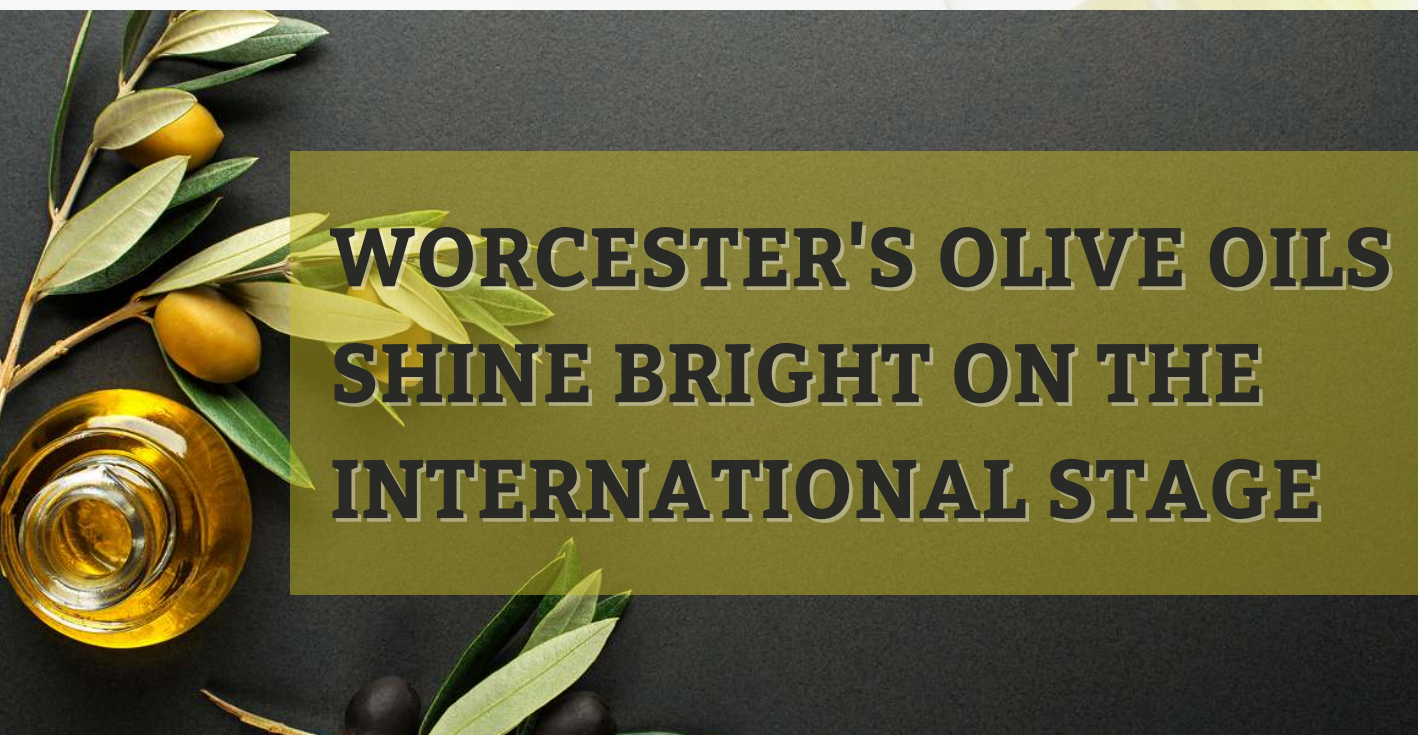


**Tertius Jonck, Winemaker: De Wet Cellar**

*"We are extremely grateful for the inclusion of two wines from the De Wet range in the Top 100 SA Wines. Being awarded Double Platinum medals always puts a stamp on the quality the Worcester region can offer and the good cooperation between producer and winemaker."*







# WORCESTER'S OLIVE OILS SHINE BRIGHT ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

*Worcester is producing some of the world's finest Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO) and many international accolades continue to prove this.*

## *LIOOC 2022 London International Olive Oil Competition*

Estate Blend Extra Virgin Olive Oil by Willow Creek Olive Estate - **Gold**

Directors' Reserve Extra Virgin Olive Oil by Willow Creek Olive Estate - **Silver**

Nuy Valley Extra Virgin Olive Oil by Willow Creek Olive Estate - **Bronze**

## *The EVO International Olive Oil Contest*

Estate Blend Extra Virgin Olive Oil by Willow Creek Olive Estate - **Gold**

Picual by Lions Creek Olive Estate - **Silver**

## *NYIOOC World Olive Competition*

Karoo Blend by Lions Creek Olive Estate (**Gold**)

Picual by Lions Creek Olive Estate (**Silver**)

## *CIOOC 2022 - Canada International Olive Oil Competition*

Karoo Blend Extra Virgin Olive Oil by Lions Creek Olive Estate (**Gold**)

Estate Blend Extra Virgin Olive Oil by Willow Creek Olive Estate (**Gold**)

Picual by Lions Creek Olive Estate (**Silver**)

## *Olive Japan - Olive Oil Competition*

Estate Blend Extra Virgin Olive Oil by Willow Creek Olive Estate (**Silver**)

*It is the pleasure of Worcester Wine and Olive Route to congratulate Willow Creek Olive Estate and Lions Creek Olive Estate. We appreciate you shining a light on the excellent olive oil Worcester has to offer.*



# THE TROPHY WINE SHOW

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## *Cilmor Showcases Worcester Wine Excellence at South Africa's Premier Wine Show*

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The Awards function for The Trophy Wine Show was hosted at Investec Cape Town on 6 July 2022.

The change from the usual venue heralded a new era in the history of the show.

This year, Investec became the headline sponsor of the wine industry's most prestigious wine competition - The Trophy Wine Show. The partnership unites Investec's "Out of the Ordinary" approach to client service with the competition's commitment to identifying South Africa's best wines.

As the detailed awards list below indicates, most trophy and gold medal winners have previously occupied a space

in The Trophy Wine Show's winners' enclosure.

Consistency driven by the competition's unique judging methodology delivers an intriguing predictability in terms of who gains access to the podium.

These achievements speak for themselves, but when seen in the context of the competition's traditional low medal counts, they count a great deal.

**673 wines** were entered into The Trophy Wine Show 2022, of this number only **29 won gold medals!**

Out of the 29 gold medalists only **20 won trophies**. In addition **133 Silver** and **346 bronze** medals were awarded.



The competition was described by **Jancis Robinson MW OBE (Judge in 2003 and 2007)** as possibly the toughest of its kind in the world.

**Kirk Bauer (The 2019 international judge from Germany)** commented: "With the composition of the jury - a combination of winemakers, sommeliers, distributors and international judges - it is a perfect set-up for the competition to deliver reliable results and dependable recommendations to the consumers. The Trophy judging process is very precise and very democratic."

The Worcester Wine and Olive Route takes pleasure in announcing that Cilmor Wine has taken a **gold** and a **silver** medal at this year's **Investec Trophy Wine Show**. Both wines were rated in the **Top 10 Best Value Wines** Category, thus shining a bright light on Worcester Wines.

For its highly-rated **Winemaker's Selection Sauvignon Blanc / Semillon 2021**, which scored an impressive **97 points**, Cilmor Wines received a **Gold medal**. This wine was rated the **Best Value White Wine of the show**.

In addition, Cilmor Wines **scored 92 points** for the **Winemaker's Selection Cape Red Blend 2021**, receiving a **Silver Medal**. This red wine ranked among the **Top 10 Best Value Reds**.

**De Wet Cellar's Leyland Steen 2020** scored **91 points**, taking a silver medal and ranking among the **Top 10 Best Value White Wines**. Survivor Chenin Blanc scored **92 points**, also taking a silver medal.

The Trophy Wine Show is one of South Africa's premier wine competitions. It identifies the very finest Cape wines - recognising the achievements of the country's winemakers, and honouring excellence in the wine industry. We are extremely proud of all our Worcester Wine and Olive producers.

**Congratulations!**



# *SURVIVOR WINES – 10 Years of Excellence!*

The dictionary defines the word 'consistency' as the quality of achieving a level of performance that does not vary greatly in quality over time. Surpassing this definition, **SURVIVOR Wines** also adds value to this term and broadens the definition by staying devoted to much more than simple terms. **SURVIVOR** has a prominent dedication to staying true to all that is pure and sacred.

*"We are dedicated to expressing a sense of place with each wine, as we have the opportunity to harvest from some of the most distinct parcels of soil South Africa has to offer."*

Worcester Wine and Olive Route is proud to inform you of the SAWi accolades awarded to the **SURVIVOR** range of wines from Overhex Wines.

SAWi has successfully developed a methodology that analyses and compiles the results of over 70 of the most prominent blind wine tasting competitions both local and international. It allows for the consideration of multiple features while successfully measuring a wine's performance over multi-vintages, 10 to be exact. The wine's overall multi-vintage quality is scored out of 100, and only wines with a score of 93+ are selected.

The following wines from the SURVIVOR Collection have portrayed this consistency for 10 years, receiving the following accolades:

- *Survivor Reserve Pinotage – Platinum*
- *Survivor Reserve Chenin Blanc – Platinum*
- *Survivor Wild Yeast Chardonnay – Platinum*
- *Survivor Sauvignon Blanc – Grand Gold*

*Massive Congratulations to the Survivor Winemaking team for receiving yet another stellar accolade which show cases your contribution towards the support of your commitment in making wine for the people!*







# Nuts For Chenin Blanc

**NUTS FOR CHENIN BLANC  
EVENING ~ ALL IN A NUTSHELL ~**



*IT'S NO SECRET...WE ARE JUST...  
NUTS ABOUT CHENIN BLANC!*







What makes Worcester unique? Not only do we produce excellent award-winning wines, but we also have the ability to produce a variety of wines that are not only diverse, but versatile as well.

When given a blank canvas Chenin Blanc can be just as versatile in style and sweetness with the ability to adapt to a wide variety of tastes.

Chenin Blanc makes lithe, dry summer whites and sparkling wines. It also offers oak-aged styles with similar flavors to Chardonnay. Thus, there really is a Chenin Blanc wine on every possible occasion.

Worcester Wine and Olive Route wanted to demonstrate just how passionate or should we rather say how **"nutty"** we are about Chenin Blanc.

An evening of different winemaking styles showcasing the diverse terroirs with a mystery pairing. By the way turned out to be something **nutty!** Because we are just **nuts** about Chenin Blanc! There was crispy pork belly in a peanut Thai sauce paired with De Wet's Leyland Steen. There was also a decadent **Cashew, Coconut** and Lime Blondie highlighting Nuy Chenin Blanc's fruitiness.

What about a rich and buttery phyllo pastry filled with gouda and topped with **Macadamia nuts**? It proved to be a delicious accompaniment to the Albertus Viljoen Chenin Blanc.

Furthermore, Leipzig's Chenin Blanc with **Dukkah**-coated cream cheese balls and Stettyn's Salted Caramel and Chocolate **Almond** Roca were all too tempting to resist.

To conclude the evening, André Swiegers played his guitar and sang songs, captivating our guests.

In addition to our home grown olive products, we had 3 different hearty soups to choose from and cozy fires keeping us warm on this chilly winter evening. Hmmm wonder what our next wine adventure will be?

**Stay tuned because something exciting is coming!**





# SWAC & *Caps Classique*

The Deed and SWAG are the two newest members of the Stettyn Family and we are excited to introduce them to you.

A recent event hosted at Stettyn Family Vineyards commemorated the launch of the Deed and SWAG. By giving back to the community via a foundation that was established years ago, these two brand new products demonstrate Stettyn's passion, success, and gratitude.

## *A Proud Heritage... The Deed*

The farm on which Stettyn Cellar is situated, is steeped in history and tradition dating back to 1714. In that year, Governor Chavonnes of the Dutch East India Company ceded the original farm to Free Burghers Cloete and Radyn, whose ancestors originated from the Stettin area, in the former Prussia.

The Cape Dutch homestead, which dates back to 1777, was the original house occupied by the first permanent settlers. It was restored and is now a National Monument. Stettyn was acquired by the Botha family in 1818 and has been in the family for 8 generations.





The original Title Deed Document, with over 300 years' worth of history, is displayed on the wall.

As the document aged, it became very fragile and had to be glued together to prevent it from falling apart.

Over time, the glue has damaged and dissolved the document to the point where parts of the document are almost transparent.

This was the inspiration behind the newly launched The Deed Cap Classique from Stettyn Family Vineyards!

### *Tasting Notes of The Deed:*

Fine creamy mousse and beautiful, luscious fruits along with nutty and flattering flinty notes. The palate is lined with extra fine bubbles and carries a long aftertaste.

### *Food Pairing:*

It's an old cliché, but few things pair better with Cap Classique than fresh oysters. A delicious combination of Parma Ham and Red Figs or Sushi is also an option if you are not a fan of oysters. Dessert is kept simple by pairing strawberries and cream.

Commitment to quality is evident in your glass every time the Deed cork is popped.

Only **900 bottles** have been produced and they are available to **SWAC members ONLY**. To start enjoying all the wonderful SWAC benefits spend R900 or more on a single order, after completing the registration form (click on the "join swac now" link below).

*"Live Life Passionately,  
Unpretentiously, and  
Harmoniously"*



SWAC stands for Stettyn Wine Appreciation Club, and its mission is to give back to those who enjoy Stettyn wines. The purpose is to recognise, acknowledge and appreciate existing customers.

### **How do I become a member of SWAC?**

For new and existing customers, complete all required fields on Stettyn's website. Once you've submitted your information, you will receive an email confirming your account registration and SWAC membership.

### **What are the benefits of SWAC?**

- Complimentary personalized welcoming gift (current gift: Sonoma Wine bag worth R500).
- Exclusive promotions (Current promo: **-15% discount on all cases**).
- New vintage custom boxes for winter and summer.
- Communication regularly regarding updates, launches etc.
- Shackleton and The Deed are exclusive for SWAC members only (tasting and purchase).
- Free Delivery for 3 or more cases NATIONWIDE

**join SWAC now**





# *Celebrate the art of Sabrage & SURVIVOR Cap Classique*



Celebrate the art of Sabrage with Survivor MCC and stand a chance to win a limited-edition SURVIVOR saber.

## *So who was the 'genius' to first sabre a bottle of MCC?*

You may have heard it was Napoléon Bonaparte who first put sword to bottle, back in the days following the French Revolution, or perhaps it was the officers in his cavalry - celebrating some great victory by bashing open a bottle of bubbly upon a horse. Maybe you heard the alternate version of that story, that following a defeat in battle, a bitter soldier cleaved the head off an MCC bottle to drink away his misery. After all, it was Napoléon who said: "Champagne! In victory one deserves it; in defeat one needs it."

No matter the tale that is told, it remains a celebration to open a bottle of MCC with such emotion. SURVIVOR is dedicating the month of June and July to broadening the knowledge of Sabrage by celebrating the art of popping a bottle of MCC filled with fine mousse and delicate yeasty notes. A wine that is layered with lemon, lime, and green apples with a creamy complexity!

## *Feeling inspired?*

You too can practice the art of sabrage by investing in a bottle of Survivor MCC in the month of June and July and stand the chance to be rewarded with a limited-edition SURVIVOR saber to celebrate all that is sacred.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- each bottle MCC purchased equals one entry
- winner selected 31 July 2022
- one saber to be won



# Save THE Date

## Upcoming Events

**World Chocolate Day - 6 July**

**Wine & Cheese Day - 25 July**

**Coffee Festival - 30 July**



**30 JULY 2022**  
**09:00-13:00**

**Q SQUARE, 72 HIGH STREET, WORCESTER**

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WOODSMAN COFFEE  
MEET THE ROASTER  
LARA'S COFFEE BAR & BAKERY  
TACOS GRILL & COFFEE TREATS  
WINE TASTINGS & PAIRINGS FROM THE WORCESTER WINE & OLIVE ROUTE  
MANIC CYCLES MTB CYCLING SOCIAL  
IN A FRAME LIVE ART & EXHIBITION

CONTACT SALOMIE ON 0827708010 FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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## VERITAS AWARDS 2022

*experience excellence*

**2022 VERITAS AWARDS ENTRIES NOW OPEN**

We are happy to announce that the dates for the wine show will this year follow the normal pattern as in the past.

**Entries close:** 12 August

**Late entries:** 26 August

**Judging:** 12 - 16 September

**Awards function:** 8 October

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Something To Wine  
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