HARVEST FOOD FESTIVAL

A FEAST FOR THE SENSES



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| Date | 24 to 26 November 2017 |
| Venue | Coetzenburg Sports Ground |

General overview

Celebrate the harvest season in style at the 2017 Harvest Food Festival. Taking place from 24 to 26 November at the Coetzenburg Sports Ground, visitors can look forward to sampling even more delicious wine and food samples than before, with an incredible 75 exhibitors and 10 wineries participating in the festival.

The list of exhibitors reads like an A-Z of the best the harvest has to offer; with producers planning to showcase their latest vintages and cultivars. The Festival represents a unique opportunity for food and wine lovers to experience the diversity of the Wine Routes by sampling from each of the five sub-routes of the region, which includes: Bottelary Hills, Greater Simonsberg, Helderberg, Stellenbosch Valley and Stellenbosch Berg.

If you're keen on sampling some of the 'rarer gems' from smaller producers, then make sure you visit the Festival on Sunday 26 November, when boutiques are scheduled to make a special appearance. This year the line-up includes: Audacia Wines, Bartinney Private Cellar, Deux Frères, Keermont Vineyards, Kings Kloof, Mostertsdrift Noble, Post House Vineyards, Rudera Wines, The High Road and Usana.

The Gourmet Lane () will once again offer signature treats from restaurants responsible for the region's culinary reputation, including Beyerskloof, Eaglevlei, Vagabond Kitchen, Big Steve Charcuterie, Wild Peacock Food Emporium and Bistro 13. And no South African festival would be complete without biltong – fresh and delicious, it will be available from the biltong stand.

Celebrity chef Langenegger will team up with winemakers to explore the magic of food-and-wine pairing during daily sessions in The Tasting Room. Langenegger will pair delicious canapés with wines from Blaauwklippen, Ernie Els Wines, Kaapzicht, Klein Zalze, L'Avenir, Mooiplaas, Spier, Villiera, Waterford Estate and Waterkloof. Sessions last half an hour and are limited to 40 guests. Booking is essential and tickets can be bought on the day at the festival for R25. Those in possession of a special shopper card can enter free of charge.

Daily Festival tickets cost R180 for adults and include a tasting glass. Tickets are now available online from www.webtickets.co.za. Children under 18 enter free.

Festival opening times:

Friday 15h00-21h00

Saturday 10h00-18h00

Sunday 10h00-18h00

Tastings finish an hour before closing time.

Visit the Festival website www.harvestfestival.co.za for a full event schedule. Follow the Harvest Food Festival on Twitter #HarvestFest, Instagram @Harvestfest or sign up for regular updates on Facebook at HarvestFestival.

The Tasting Room

Choose from one of six selected wineries and enjoy a canapé and wine pairing experience hosted by renowned wine makers. Sessions run daily during the Festival, with each wine farm showcasing 3 specially designed food and wine pairings unique to each farm. Learn which type of foods pair best with which type of wines.



Figure 1: Wine Tasting

Grape Stomping Ground

The Grape Stomping Ground will form the heart of the festival, where everyone will gather to celebrate with exciting activities for everyone. With grape stomping and barrel rolling competitions, these are just as few of the many subsidiary vines leading to this main route.



Figure 2: Grape Stomping

Gourmet Lane

Coetzenburg is home to some of the top restaurants in the country, most being situated on farms. The Gourmet lane brings these top restaurants under the same roof to share the story behind each culinary creation. Each restaurant will produce, on-site, their signature dish to give festival goers a chance to experience the world- class culinary quality. These signature dishes will be on sale to festival goers throughout the 3-day festival period. Celebrity chef Langenegger will produce top notch gourmet dishes.



Figure 3: Gourmet Meals

Live Music

The Harvest Food Festival is a wonderful setting to enjoy good music, good friends, and a glass of wine accompanied by good food. There isn't a better way to spend this summer weekend. Watch the sun set behind the skyline with your ears awash in the sound of great music.



Figure 4: Live Bands

The Wine Shop

The Wine Shop provides the opportunity to purchase any of the wines made available for tasting. Wines are sold at wholesale prices and packaged to take home. Wine accessories such as decanters, openers, aerators etc. will also be available to purchase in the shop.

As an added bonus this year the The Wine Shop will play host to the Wine Library where rare vintages will be made available to visitors of the Festival. Red wines will be from the 2005 vintage and white wines from the 2010 vintage and older.

Only a limited amount of bottles will be available per brand and vintage.



Figure : Wine Shop

Health Kiddies Area

The Health Kiddies area provides parents the opportunity to enjoy the tastes sights and sounds of the Harvest Food Festival while the kids are being looked after by experienced caretakers and teachers. Kids can expect activities like the Kabous playground which includes a mini jumping castle, face painting, a creative corner and loads more.

Entrance to the area is free.



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