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MUSKADEL SA AWARDS 2019



Just in time to beat the winter chill, the Muskadel SA Awards have been announced!

The 17th annual Muskadel SA Awards function was held as usual at the cosy 2nd floor dining room of Noop Restaurant in Paarl, where the low ceiling ensures every candidate must stoop to conquer.

Worcester Wine Route is happy to announce that team De Wet received gold for their White Muskadel! Congratulations! #ValleyOfChampions

This year's five judges convened under Dave Biggs (wine writer and founder member of the Wine-of-the-month Club) were Cerina van Niekerk (winemaker at Klawer Wine Cellar), Altus le Roux (former MD and Cellar Master at Boland Cellar for 24 years, currently Director at Coastal Wine Exports), Jaco Potgieter (DGB Oenologist), Nerina Cloete (winemaker at Blaauwklippen).

From the Muskadel SA Office

"As is often reported in the media, the wine industry as well as the rest of the agricultural industry is suffering from severe drought at the moment - we are very happy with muskadel because it is one of the first grape varieties to ripen, the heat helps the grapes build up a good concentration of sugar," says Henri Swiegers, chairman of Muskadel SA.

"Harvest numbers are down, but the quality is high and we were very pleased with the quality entries we received," Swiegers said.

From the sponsor: It has been a privilege to have been involved in the Muskadel Association for 15 years. The producers once again made excellent wines in yet another challenging vintage. We wish the cellars success in 2019," says Jaco Cockrell, sales manager of Enartis SA.



Front: Stian Victor (Badsberg), Philip Viljoen (Bon Courage), Henri Swiegers (Muskadel SA chairman), Nina-Mari Bruwer (Mont Blois) and Antoinette van Zyl (Enartis SA). Back: Carlo Sciocatti (Montagu Wine & Spirits), Phillip Vercueil (De Wet Cellar), Johan Hugo (Orange River Cellars), Tiaan Loubser (Du Toitskloof) and Werner du Plessis (Slanghoek).