

# WORCESTER WINE & OLIVE ROUTE

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## WORCESTER'S WINE OF THE MONTH

Just in time for Valentines day, I mean February is after all the month of love and friendship. So what would summer be without a glass of pink? This months wine of choice is the charming Balance Semi Sweet Rose!

A beautiful blend of 50% Pinotage, 50% Shiraz, this wine is bursting with raspberries and prunes on the nose with ample fruit on the palate. A well-balanced wine with a crisp clean finish.

Enjoy with lighter meals like pasta, pizza, smoked salmon and salads. Now wonder this wine is everyone favourite for this time of the year in the heat stricken Worcester!



## HARVEST 2020

It's that time of the year again!! An extremely busy team of viticulture and wine-making experts, as they face the 2020 wine grape harvest head-on. This is the most exciting, special and busiest time at a wine cellar.

Favourable climatic conditions during 2019 bode well for Vintage 2020 says Overhex General Manager Gert van Wyk. "Good winter rains caused the Western Cape dam levels to rise considerably. During mid-September the dams were 81.7% full, a vast improvement on the 70% level in 2018 and the 37.4% in 2017. In general, spring was characterised by warm yet favourable conditions, resulting in earlier than normal, even budding.

October brought good rains to the majority of region. The flower clusters on the vines and the ensuing fruit set were positive in most areas. Generally warm, but windy conditions during November and December encouraged rapid growth which necessitated vigorous leaf management.

Innovation for the Blind  
with Worcester Wine & Olive Route presents

# SIPS 4 SIGHT

as part of Worcester's Bi-Centennial festival  
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*The experience promises to exceed expectations.  
A six-course dinner, prepared by chef Loran Livesey-Blom from Blindiana,  
will be paired with six of our locally produced wines from the Worcester Valley  
that will be tasted in the exceptional Riedel glassware.*

## 26 FEB 2020

## CELEBRATE WORCESTER'S BI CENTENNIAL WITH WORCESTER WINE AND OLIVE ROUTE

Worcester will be celebrating its 200-year existence in 2020! This will be commemorated through the Worcester Bi-Centennial Festival that will be held from 24 February 2020 until 01 March 2020.

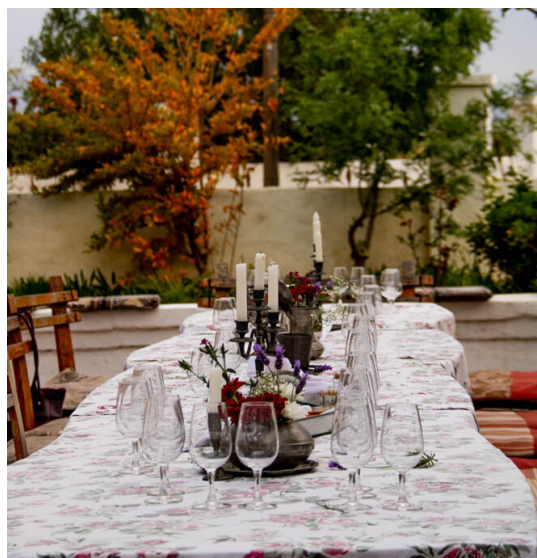
Worcester Wine and Olive Route is proud to be part of the festivities and we have two events for you to enjoy.

**Wednesday, 26 February 2020** we will be working with the Innovation for the Blind in hosting a Worcester Food and Wine Fund Raising Experience. It will consist of a six course meal, paired with some of Worcester's finest wines. Tickets are R490 per person but it is all for a good cause as it supports our blind community.

**Thursday, 27 February 2020** our second event takes place at one of the oldest wine cellars in Worcester - Leipzig Country house and Winery. Here we will serve canapes along with some of Worcester's finest white wines. Tickets cost R200 and you can contact [info@worcesterwineroute.com](mailto:info@worcesterwineroute.com) for more information for both events.



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Celebrating our Abilities  
1820 - 2020



## FEBRUARY EVENTS IN WORCESTER:

01 Theuns Jordaan - Overhex

01 Barber Bass Fishing -  
Kwaggaskloof Dam

01 Pure Boland Market

06 Pizza Night Nuy

07 Grease Outdoor Movie Night  
- Q Square

14 Feb: Valentines Day

14 Feb: Wine your Valentine at  
Stettyn Family Vineyards

14 Feb: Valentines Dinner at De  
Wet Cellar

18 Feb: Global Wine Day

24 - 29 Bi-Centennial Festival

26 Feb: Sips for Sight - Blindiana

27 Feb: Crisp White Celebration  
Leipzig

29 Feb: Open that Bottle Night

29 Feb: MBCo Open Day