



DIARY

December

16 DECEMBER
DAY OF RECONCILIATION

25 DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS DAY

26 DECEMBER
DAY OF GOODWILL

01

LE RICHE WINES OPEN THURSDAY. Le Riche Wines' family garden is open from 17:00 - 19:00 on the first Thursday of every month. Visitors can taste these great wines in a beautiful, relaxed environment. Tickets cost R50 each. For more info, call 021 842 3472 or send an email to wine@leriche.co.za.

GAMBERO ROSSO TOP ITALIAN WINES ROADSHOW. Gambero Rosso, the 30 year old multimedia brand in the Italian food and wine world, is bringing their worldwide Top Italian Wines Roadshow to Cape Town at The Lookout, V&A Waterfront. This one-day tasting is giving guests a once in a lifetime opportunity to taste and experience 60 top Italian wineries. Wine master classes will also be conducted throughout the day and will serve as an educational insight into the Italian wine industry. For more info, call 021 422 0961 or send an email to melissa@redcarpetconcepts.co.za.

01-31

Delheim Riverside Picnics. Delheim's laid-back riverside picnics are back with new summer-inspired fare to celebrate Mother Nature and all her seasonal deliciousness. The picnics are on offer seven days a week and a basket costs R460 a couple and R100 a child. Bring your own blanket or put down a R100 refundable deposit and get one there. To book, call 021 888 4607 or send an email to restaurant@delheim.com.

03

The South African Wine Course. The Cape Wine Academy's South African Wine Course is an introduction to wine and its origins and how to identify and compare wines through taste, sight and smell. The course, which comprises two lectures complete with wine tastings, plus an exam, costs R1 450 a person. For more info, call 021 889 8844 or send an email to info@capewineacademy.co.za.

03-04

FRANSCHHOEK CAP CLASSIQUE & CHAMPAGNE FESTIVAL. The annual "Magic of Bubbles" Cap Classique & Champagne Festival, presented by MasterCard, takes place at the Huguenot Monument in Franschhoek. The theme for this year's festival is Black and White with a Floral Flair. Tickets cost R350 a person, which includes a complimentary tasting glass and tasting coupons. Entrance is free for children under 18. The festival is open daily from 12:00 to 17:00. Book at www.webtickets.co.za or go to www.franschhoekmcc.co.za.

10 & 11

DEMORGENZON CELEBRATION OF CHENIN BLANC. The DeMorgenzon Celebration of Chenin Blanc takes place at the estate twice daily on the 10th and 11th of December at 10:00 and 14:00. The masterclass tasting will be led by DeMorgenzon owner Wendy Appelbaum and cellar master Carl van der Merwe and includes 11 vintages from 2005 to 2015 of DeMorgenzon's Reserve Chenin Blancs, as well as the acclaimed The Divas. Tickets cost R750 each. To book, call 021 881 3030 or send an email to info@demorgenzon.com.

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STELLENBOSCH STREET SOIRÉE. The Stellenbosch Street Soirée, the City of Oaks' popular monthly street party, is a summer hit among young and old. This month's party on the 14th of December is from 18:00 to 20:00 and is an opportunity to let your hair down and mingle with other partygoers. Tickets cost R70 each, which includes a glass to taste as many wines from the various cellars as you like. Scrumptious street food will be on sale. For more info, call 021 886 4310 or go to www.wineroute.co.za.

16-18

GABRIËLSKLOOF'S FAVOURITE THINGS MARKET. This popular "shop 'n social" market is now a three-day affair. It offers everything handmade, homemade, delicious, fresh and beautiful, just in time for those last-minute but special Christmas gifts. Entrance is free, except if you want guaranteed seating on the Friday evening. For more info, call Nicolene Finlayson on 028 284 9865 or send an email to nicolene@gabrielskloof.co.za.