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July Newsletter

Here we are, the 2010 Fifa World Cup well and truly behind us, Vuvuzela's packed away, for the most part, and a pat on the back from the powers that be for the fantastic show that SA put on. We're more than halfway through the year and with less than 165 days to go until 2011, the year has been rich with rewards across the board.

Top Honours go to Saronsberg Provenance Shiraz

WINE magazine's **2010 Global Trader Shiraz Challenge** results were announced on Thursday 15th July 2010 at Catharina's Restaurant, Steenberg. The delicious **Saronsberg Provenance Shiraz 2007** made by Dewaldt Heyns of Saronsberg scored 4½ stars, securing first place on the Top 10 list. Not to be overlooked, scoring 4 stars, were the **De Grendel Shiraz 2008** and **Steenberg Shiraz 2008**.



Public Tastings
Cape Town : 5 August 2010, Time: 18:30,
Mount Nelson Hotel, Gardens

Durban : 18 August 2010, Time: 18:30,
Garden Court Umhlanga, Umhlanga Rocks

Johannesburg : 26 August 2010, Time: 18:30,
Sandton Sun, Sandton

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Other Recent Awards & Achievements

Meridian's wines continue to win both local and international awards. Our farms and winemakers work hard to achieve these excellent standards and we are proud to share a list of the Best of the Best for 2010 to date. For more on Meridian's farm's outstanding achievements during 2010 - [follow this link to the Awards and Achievements Summary on our website](#)

Local Awards	International Awards
<u>Santam Classic Wine Trophy 2010</u> <u>Best Red Wine Trophy</u> Vriesenhof Pinot Noir 2007	<u>Concours Mondial De Bruxelles 2010</u> <u>Grande Medaille D'Or (Great Gold)</u> Engelbrecht Els 2007
<u>Gold Medal (White wine)</u> Vriesenhof Chardonnay 2009	<u>Gold Medal (White wine)</u> La Motte Chardonnay 2008 Saronsberg Chardonnay 2008
<u>Gold Medal (Red wine)</u> Cederberg Shiraz 2008 La Motte Shiraz 2008	<u>Gold Medal (Red wine)</u> Ernie Els 2006 Rust en Vrede 1694 2007 Rust en Vrede Syrah 2007 Saronsberg Provenance Shiraz 2007
<u>Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2010</u> <u>Fairbairn Capital Trophy</u> <u>Most Successful Producer 2010</u> Tokara	<u>Decanter World Wine Awards</u> <u>Gold Medal</u> Rust en Vrede Syrah 2007
<u>Best Museum Class Cabernet Sauvignon</u> Tokara Cabernet Sauvignon 2001	<u>Syrah du Monde</u> <u>Gold Medal</u> Simonsig Merindol Syrah 2007
<u>Grande Roche Trophy for Best White Blend (wooded)</u> Tokara Director's Reserve White 2008	<u>Just Riesling Competition Best Dry Riesling 2010</u> De Wetshof Rhine Riesling 2009
<u>Best Sauvignon Blanc (unwooded)</u> Cederberg Sauvignon Blanc 2009	

Buitenverwaching Now With Meridian



We are very proud to have Buitenverwaching on our Meridian Latitude portfolio - for more info on the wines that are now available from Meridian, [follow this link to Buitenverwaching on our website](#)

"Rooted in deep, decomposing granite soils and cooled by temperate sea breezes from the nearby oceans, Buitenverwaching's vines produce internationally acclaimed wines of great complexity with unique aromatic profiles."

Vintage Updates

Longitude	Latitude	
Rust en Vrede Merlot	2009	Leopards Leap Lookout White 2010
Ernie Els	2006	Simonsig Cabernet Sauvignon (1.5 ltr) 2001
Tokara Zondernaam Shiraz	2008	Zevenwacht Bouquet Blanc 2010
L O'rmarins Protea Cabernet Sauvignon	2008	Zevenwacht Cabernet Sauvignon (375ml) 2009
Steenberg Semillon	2008	Guardian Peak Merlot 2009
To be released (August 2010)		Guardian Peak Shiraz 2009
Meerlust Rubicon	2006	Niel Joubert Chardonnay 2010
Steenberg Shiraz	2008	Niel Joubert Sauvignon Blanc 2010

Upcoming Events

Need to keep up to date with what's hot and happening in the wine industry! You'll find all Meridian's Upcoming Events on our website. From instore tastings and promotions to wine festivals and winemaker interviews, we've loaded everything our farms and sales teams are up to for the rest of 2010 - [follow this link to Upcoming Events on our website.](#)

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