

## **2011 WINNERS OF THE CLASSIC WINE TROPHY ANNOUNCED**

Groot Constantia has been named the overall winner of the 2011 Classic Wine Trophy competition held at the Taj Hotel on Friday evening with the winning farm's winemaker Boela Gerber taking home the Bacchus trophy as well as a return flight to France courtesy of the competition.

<http://www.classicwinetrophy.co.za/>

In a sweep of wins Groot Constantia was also presented with the award for the best wines in the White and Red wine categories while Quinta do Sul won the trophy this year for its 2008 Port in the Sweet Wine category.

Invited guests comprising members of the press, trade, estate representatives and members of the French Consul and Chamber of Commerce, were met on arrival at the Taj hotel's Mint Restaurant with a glass of the winning sparkling wine, Teddy Hall's Blanc de Blanc 2005.

The 17 Gold winners were announced by competition owner and organiser Christophe Durand during the course of the dinner which was once again; in true french style, accompanied by celebratory cheers and amiable interjections from the French judges who were enjoying their evening. The results of the Classic Wine Trophy Competition:

### **CLASSIC WINE TROPHY 2011 OVER ALL WINNER**

Groot Constantia

### **BEST SPARKLING WINE TROPHY**

Teddy Hall Wines Blanc de Blanc 2005

### **BEST WHITE WINE TROPHY**

Groot Constantia Gouverneurs Chardonnay 2009

### **BEST RED WINE TROPHY**

Groot Constantia Shiraz 2008

### **BEST SWEET WINE TROPHY**

Quinta do Sul Port (7 varieties) 2008

### **GOLD WINNERS WHITE WINE CATEGORY**

Groot Constantia Sauvignon Blanc 2010

Hamilton Russell Vineyards Chardonnay 2009

Glen Carlou Quartz Stone Chardonnay 2009

Vergelegen Reserve Chardonnay 2009

### **GOLD WINNERS RED WINE CATEGORY**

Raka Biography Shiraz 2008

La Motte Pierneef (Shiraz/Viognier) 2008

Paul Cluver Seven Flags Pinot Noir 2008

Cape Chamonix Pinot Noir Reserve 2009



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Druk My Niet Find Art School Collection (Cabernet Sauvignon) 2009  
 Warwick Wine Trilogy (Bordeaux Blend) 2007  
 Thelema Sutherland (Cabernet Sauvignon/Petit Verdot) 2008  
 Groot Constantia Pinotage 2009  
 Southern Right Pinotage 2009

## SILVER WINNERS

<b>SWEET</b>			
KLEIN CONSTANTIA	VIN DE CONSTANCE	MUSCAT DE FRONTIGNAN	2006
GROOT CONSTANTIA	GRAND CONSTANCE	MUSCAT DE FRONTIGNAN WHITE AND RED	2008
DE KRANS	DE KRANS	CAPE TAWNY PORT	NV
<b>SPARKLING</b>			
SARONSBERG CELLAR	SARONSBERG	METHOD CAP CLASSIQUE BRUT - CHARDONNAY	2007
BOSCHENDAL	GRAND PAVILLION	MCC CHAR AND PINOT	2007
VILLIERA	MONRO	BRUT	2005
VERGELEGEN	VERGELEGEN MMV BRUT	MMV BRUT CHAR PINOT NOIR	2007
<b>WHITES</b>			
THELEMA	SUTHERLAND	CHARDONNAY	2009
HAMILTON RUSSELL VINEYARDS	HAMILTON RUSSELL VINEYARDS	CHARDONNAY	2010
ATARAXIA	ATARAXIA	CHARDONNAY	2009
BOUCHARD FINLAYSON	MISSIONVALE	CHARDONNAY	2009
BOSCHENDAL	RESERVE	CHARDONNAY	2009
LA MOTTE	LA MOTTE	CHARDONNAY	2009
FORT SIMON	FORT SIMON	CHENIN BLANC	2009
MISCHA ESTATE	MISCHA	ROUSANNE	2010
SOUTHERN RIGHT	SOUTHERN RIGHT	SAUVIGNON BLANC	2010
DU TOIT FAMILY WINES	DRIEHOEK	SAUVIGNON BLANC	2010
CAPE CHAMONIX	CHAMONIX RESERVE	SAUVIGNON BLANC	2009
THE GOOSE WINES	GOOSE WINES	SAUVIGNON BLANC	2008
THE GOOSE WINES	GOOSE WINES	SAUVIGNON BLANC	2009
BRUNIA WINES	BRUNIA	SAUVIGNON BLANC	2009
LA MOTTE	PIERNEEF	SAUVIGNON BLANC	2010
HOWARDS BOOYSEN	HB WINES	WEISSER RIESLING	2010
VUURBERG	VUURBERG	WHITE BLEND	2010
DEETLEFS WINE	DEETLEFS FAMILIE	WHITE BLEND	2009



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## ESTATE

GROOT CONSTANTIA	GOUVERNEURS RESERVE WHITE	BLEND SEMILLION/SAUV BLANC	2009
PAUL CLUVER	WEISSER RIESLING		2009
PAUL CLUVER	CLOSE ENCOUNTER	RIESLING	2009
VRIESENHOF	VRIESENHOF	CHARDONNAY	2010
HOOPENBERG	INTEGER	WHITE BLEND	2008

## REDS

ATARAXIA	SERENITY	RED BLEND	2007
VUURBERG	VUURBERG	RED BLEND	2006
SARONSBURG CELLAR	PROVENANCE ROOI	RED BLEND	2009
RAKA	QUINARY	RED BLEND	2007
VILLIERA	MONRO	RED BLEND	2006
HOOPENBERG	INTEGER	RED BLEND	2008
VERGELEGEN	VERGELEGEN	RED BLEND	2006
LA MOTTE	MILLENNIUM	RED BLEND	2009
VRIESENHOF	KALLISTA	RED BLEND	2005
EIKENDAL	EIKENDAL CLASSIQUE	BORDEAUX BLEND	2008
DIEU DONNE VINEYARDS	DIEU DONNE	CABERNET SAUVIGNON	2008
BELFIELD	MAGNIFICA	CABERNET SAUVIGNON	2007
VERGELEGEN	VERGELEGEN	MERLOT	2007
HAMILTON RUSSELL VINEYARDS	HAMILTON RUSSELL VINEYARDS	PINOT NOIR	2009
BERGSIG ESTATE	BERGSIG	PINOTAGE	2008
CAPE CHAMONIX	GREYWACKE	PINOTAGE	2008
PERDEBERG	PERDEBERG	PINOTAGE	2010
SARONSBURG CELLAR	SARONSBURG	SHIRAZ	2008
DUNSTONE WINES	DUNSTONE	SHIRAZ	2009
BRUNIA WINES	BRUNIA	SHIRAZ	2009
LA MOTTE	LA MOTTE	SHIRAZ	2009

## ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The purpose of the Classic Wine Trophy is to recognize, reward and promote wines of elegance, balance and finesse with the ability to age well. The Classic Wine Trophy is committed to upholding the highest standards in this unique celebration of South African wine and the trophies are only awarded to the most iconic entries: wines made with patience and excellence.

The Classic Wine Trophy stands out from other competitions in that the wine entries are adjudicated by a panel of French judges, the wines are tasted 100% blind and the competition limits the number of trophy winners to only 17 gold medals so as to ensure legitimacy and credibility for winners.



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## LIST OF FRENCH JUDGES

**FRANCOIS VILLARD** Leading of the Northern Rhone Valley producers

**RICARDO UTARROZ** Journalist for Liberation magazine, Agence France Press, wine aficionado and wine writer

**OLIVIER POELS** Editor and journalist for La Revue du Vin de France [www.rvf.fr](http://www.rvf.fr)

**CHRISTOPHE DURAND** Classic Wine Trophy organiser and proprietor of Vins D'Orrance  
[www.vinsdorraine.co.za](http://www.vinsdorraine.co.za)

**CLAUDE GILOIS** French wine importer, wine writer and founder of Vins du Monde  
[www.vinsdumonde.com](http://www.vinsdumonde.com)

**PIETER DE VILLIERS** Former prop du XV de FRANCE and co-owner of the Domaine Mas Angel in the Languedoc Roussillon, France [www.masangel.fr](http://www.masangel.fr)

**JEAN YVES MULLER** Co-owner of Caveau and Headquarters restaurants [www.caveau.co.za](http://www.caveau.co.za)

**JEAN-VINCENT RIDON** Owner and winemaker of Signal Hill Winery [www.winery.co.za](http://www.winery.co.za)

**KHALED ROUABAH** Owner and winemaker of Domaine du Coeur in Pommard, France

**PHILIPPE DIETRICH** Winemaker and director of Michael Partzold Wine Services (Pty) Ltd



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