

Michelangelo wine awards 2008

The Michelangelo International Wine Awards celebrates twelve years of success with this year's competition being held again in August in Stellenbosch. Entries for 2008 closed on 1 342 wines from 258 producers continuing the phenomenal growth of the competition since it's founding in 1997.

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TROPHY WINNERS

Gallery 2008
Judges 2008

TROPHY	ESTATE	WINE	YEAR
Grand Prix Trophy	Raka	Biography Shiraz	2007
Grand Prix Runner-up	Diemersdal	Eight Rows Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Golden Oldie trophy	Nuy Winery	Volsoet Rooi Muscadel	1987
Pinotage Trophy	Marianne Wine Estate	Pinotage	2005
Brandy trophy	KWV	15 Year Brandy	N/V
Garagiste Trophy	Hofstraat Kelder	Renosterbos Shiraz	2007
Most Innovative Wine on Show	Blaauwklippen	BVS Malbec NLH	2007
Organic Trophy	La Motte	Pierneef Organically Grown Sauvignon Blanc	2008



GRAND D'OR WINNERS

ESTATE	WINE	YEAR
Grundheim Wyne	Wit Hond Muskadel Reserve	2004
Stark-Conde Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2004
Stellenzicht Vineyards	Cellarmaster's Release Shiraz	2004
Bonnievale Cellar	Cape Vintage	2005
Boplaas Wines	Cape Vintage Reserve Port	2005
Dombeya Wines	Samara	2005
Hazendal	The Last Straw	2005
Marianne Estate	Pinotage	2005
Marianne Estate	Floreal	2005
Nitida Cellars	Shiraz	2005
Seidelberg Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005
Tokara	Zondernaam Cabernet Sauvignon	2005
Windmeul Kelder	Vintage Port	2005
Windmeul Kelder	Chenin Blanc	2008
Windmeul Kelder	Pinotage Reserve	2007
Altydgedacht Estate	Barbera	2006
Babylons Peak	Syrah	2006
Bergkelder	Fleur du Cap Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Groenendal Farms	Andreas Shiraz	2006
Landskroon Wines	Paul de Villiers Shiraz	2006
Lanzerac	Pioneer Pinotage	2006
KWV	15 Year Old Brandy	
KWV	20 Year Old Brandy	
Major's Hill Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Saronsberg Cellar	Provenance Shiraz	2006
Saronsberg Cellar	Shiraz	2006
Arabella	Shiraz	2007
Fort Simon Estate	Chenin Blanc	2007

Nederburg Wines	Noble Late Harvest	2007
Nederburg Wines	Eminence	2007
Nederburg Wines	Winemaster's Reserve Chenin Blanc	2007
Nederburg Wines	Private Bin D234 Sauvignon Blanc	2007
Neethlingshof Estate	Lord Neethling Weisser Riesling NLH	2007
Raka	Petit Verdot	2007
Raka	Biography	2007
Thelema Mountain Vineyards	Sutherland Chardonnay	2007
Cederberg Private Cellar	Chenin Blanc	2008
Diemersdal Estate	Eight Rows Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Du Toitskloof Cellar	Red Muscadel	2008
L'Olivier Wine Estate	Non Pareil Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Wellington Wynkelder	Chenin Blanc	2008

GOLD WINNERS



African Pride Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
African Terroir	Cabernet Sauvignon	2008
Allee Bleue	Shiraz	2007
Allesverloren Estate	Shiraz	2007
Allesverloren Estate	Port	2005
Alto Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Alto Estate	Shiraz	2005
Altydgedacht Estate	Cabernet Franc Rose	2008



Asara Estate	Chardonnay Reserve	2007
Avondrood Vineyards	Viognier	2007
Badsberg Wine Cellar	Noble Late Harvest	2007
Badsberg Wine Cellar	Red Muscadel	2006
Badsberg Wine Cellar	Special Late Harvest	2008
Bellingham	The Maverick Chenin Blanc	2007
Bergkelder	Fleur du Cap Sauvignon Blanc Unfiltered Ltd Release	2007
Bergkelder	Fleur du Cap Chardonnay Unfiltered	2007
Bergkelder	Fleur du Cap Sauvignon Blanc Unfiltered	2007
Bergkelder	Fleur du Cap Chenin Blanc	2008
Bergsig Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Bergsig Estate	Cape LBV	1999
Bergsig Estate	Pinotage	2005
Blaauwklippen Agricultural Estate	BVS Malbec NLH	2007
Black Pearl Vineyards	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Black Pearl Vineyards	Shiraz	2006
Boland Kelder	No1 Reserve Chardonnay	2006
Boland Kelder	No1 Reserve Shiraz	2005
Bon Courage Estate	White Muscadel	2008
Boplaas Family Vineyards	Family Blend	2006
Boschendal Wines	Chenin Blanc	2008
Boschendal Wines	Reserve Collection Sauvignon Blanc	2007
Bouchard Finlayson	Hannibal	2007
Bovlei Winery	Shiraz	2006
Cederberg Private Cellars	Shiraz	2006
Cederberg Private Cellars	Ghost Corner Sauvignon Blanc	2008
De Krans	Cape Tawny Port	N/V
Deetlefs	Pinotage	2007
Deetlefs	Oak Matured Pinotage	2007
Diemersdal Estate	MMLouw Unfiltered Sauvignon Blanc	2007
Diemersdal Estate	Private Collection Red Blend	2005
Diemersfontein	Malbec	2005
Du Toitskloof Cellar	Nebbiolo	2007



Du Toitskloof Cellar	Noble Late Harvest	2007
Du Toitskloof Cellar	Hanepoot Jerepiko	2007
Flagstone Wines	Free Run Sauvignon Blanc	2007
Fort Simon Estate	Pinotage	2005
Goede Hoop Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2001
Graham Beck Wines	Gamekeepers Chenin Blanc	2008
Graham Beck Wines	Viognier	2008
Grande Provence	Chardonnay	2006
Groot Constantia Estate	Shiraz	2005
Groot Eiland	Chardonnay	2008
Hazendal	Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz	2003
Hofstraat Kelder	Renosterbos Shiraz	2007
Idiom	Viognier	2007
JC Le Roux	Pinot Noir Rose MCC	2006
JCLe Roux	Pongracz Desiderius	N/V
Kaapzicht Estate	Chenin Blanc	2008
Kleine Zalze Wines	Family Reserve Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Kleine Zalze Wines	Family Reserve Shiraz	2006
Koelenhof Winery	Pino Porto	2003
Koelfontein	Chardonnay	2007
Koopmanskloof Wingerde	Koopmanskraal Shiraz	2007
KWV	Reserve Chardonnay	2007
KWV	10 Year Old Brandy	
KWV	Reserve Sauvignon Blanc	2008
La Motte	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
La Motte	Pierneef Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Laibach	Pinotage	2006
Landskroon Wines	Port	2004
L'Avenir Estate	Chardonnay	2007
Lourensford	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Lutzville Cape Diamond Vineyards	Cape Diamond Muscadel	2006
Lynx Wines	Blanc de Noir	2008
Marianne Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006



Merwida Winery	Barbera	2006
Monis Wines	Red Muscadel	2001
Mooiplaas Estate	Sauvignon Blanc	2007
Mooiplaas Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005
Mooiplaas Estate	Rosalind	2004
Mountain River Wines	Ukuzala Chenin Blanc	2008
Mountain River Wines	Rijckbosch Chenin Blanc	2008
Nederburg Wines	Eminence	2005
Nederburg Wines	Private Bin D215 Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Nederburg Wines	Eminence	2006
Neethlingshof Estate	Lord Neethling Pinotage	2005
Nelson Estate	Nelson Estate Shiraz	2003
Nelson Estate	Nelson's Creek Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Niel Joubert Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon Christine Marie	2006
Niel Joubert Estate	Niel Joubert Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Niel Joubert Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve	2002
Niel Joubert Estate	Christine Marie Shiraz	2006
Noble Hill Wines	Shiraz	2005
Nuy Wine Cellar	White Muscadel	2003
Nuy Wine Cellar	Red Muscadel	1987
Nuy Wine Cellar	Red Muscadel	2005
Porterville Cellars	Sopkoppie Rooi Jeripigo	N/V
Pulpit Rock Winery	Shiraz	2005
Rainbow's End Estate	Cabernet Franc	2007
Rainbow's End Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005
Raka	Malbec	2006
Rijk's Private Cellar	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Rijk's Private Cellar	The Crossing	2005
Rijk's Private Cellar	Pinotage	2004
Robertson Winery	Constitution Road Shiraz	2005
Robertson Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon	2004
Robertson Winery	Wolfkloof Shiraz	2006
Rooiberg Winery	Woolworths Longmarket Shiraz	2007
Rooiberg Winery	Shiraz Reserve	2006



Saronsberg Cellar	Full Circle	2005
Saronsberg Cellar	Provenance Shiraz	2006
Saxenburg	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005
Schalk Burger & Sons Winery	Welbedacht Pinotage	2005
Seidelberg Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005
Seidelberg Estate	Rolands Reserve Syrah	2006
Simonsig Estate	Redhill Pinotage	2006
Simonsig Estate	Merindol Syrah	2005
Simonsig Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Slanghoek Winery	Red Muscadel	2008
Southern Cape Vineyards	Towersoet Hanepoot	2007
Southern Cape Vineyards	Wit Muscadel	2007
Southern Cape Vineyards	Potstill Brandy	
Stark-Conde Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2004
Stellekaya Winery	Orion	2005
Stellenbosch Hills	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Stellenbosch Hills	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Stellenzicht Vineyards	Golden Triangle Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Stellenzicht Vineyards	Cellarmaster's Release Pinotage	2006
Stellenzicht Vineyards	Cellarmaster Release Shiraz	2004
Swartland Wynkelder	Vintage Port	2005
Tempel Wines	Pinotage	2005
Thokozani Wines	Chenin/Viognier	2007
Topiary Wines	Shiraz	2006
Tukulu	Pinotage	2006
Uitkyk Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Uitvlucht Wines	Montagu Wine Company Vintage Port	2007
Uitvlucht Wines	Montagu Wine Company Rooi Muscadel	2007
Vondeling	Babiana	2006
Wedderwill Estate	Shiraz	2004
Wellington Wynkelder	Chenin Blanc	2008
Wellington Wynkelder	Hanepoot Jerepiko	2005
Windmeul Kelder	Shiraz Reserve	2007
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Zorgvliet Wines	Silver Myn Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Zorgvliet Wines	Sauvignon Blanc	2008



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FORT SIMON GARNERS GOLD

The Michelangelo International Wine Awards is widely regarded as one of the wine competitions with the most credibility in South Africa.

The results were announced on 13 September 2008, at a glittering gala function at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West.

Winemakers Marinus Bredell and Stander Maas were coveted with a double gold medal on the Fort Simon Chenin Blanc 2007. This wine also recently won the Terroir award for the best Chenin Blanc in the Stellenbosch district. A gold medal was also received for the Fort Simon Pinotage 2005.

The international panel of judges consisted of Philippe Libuda of France, Sue van Wyk of Australia, Jan Rook of The Netherlands, Christine Rudman of South Africa, Isabelle Legeron of Great Britain, Yorgos Floudas of Greece, Margarita Lozano of Spain, Manuel Moreira of Portugal, Edouard Desplat of France, George Meissner of Germany, Emanuele Pellucci of Italy, Carlos Zalve of Spain, Michel Blanc of France, Freddie Grimwood of Portugal/Canada and Cornelis Alblas of The Netherlands.

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SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

ESTATE	WINE	YEAR
Aan de Doorns Co-operative Winery	Pinotage	2007
African Pride Wines	Footprint Chardonnay	2008
African Terroir	Cabernet Sauvignon	2008
Allesverloren Estate	Touriga Nacional	2007
Altydgedacht Estate	Estate White	2008
Altydgedacht Estate	Chatelaine	2007
Annex Kloof Wines	Malbec	2007
Anura Vineyards	Malbec	2005
Arabella	Chenin Blanc	2008
Arabella	Merlot	2007
Arabella	Reserve in Unison	2006
Arra Vineyards	Royle Shiraz	2007
Arra Vineyards	Royle Red Blend	2006
Asara Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2004
Ashton Kelder	Red Muscadel Jerepigo	2007
Baarsma South Africa	Lyngrove Collection Chenin Blanc	2008
Baarsma South Arica	Lyngrove Collection Chardonnay	2008
Backsberg Estate Cellars	John Martin Reserve Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Barton Farm	Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Bellevue Estate	Malbec	2006
Bellevue Estate	Petit Verdot	2005
Bellingham	Fair Maiden	2007
Bergkelder	Fleur du Cap Chardonnay	2007
Bergkelder	Fleur du Cap Viognier/Chardonnay/Semillon/Sauv Blanc unf Ltd Release	2007
Bergkelder	Fleur du Cap NLH	2007
Bergkelder	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Blaauwklippen Agricultural Estate	Zinfandel	2005
Blaauwklippen Agricultural Estate	BVS Viognier NLH	2007

Boland Kelder	No 1 Reserve Shiraz	2006
Boland Kelder	Winemaker Selection Pinotage	2005
Bon Courage Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005
Bonnievale Cellar	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Boplaas Family Vineyards	Family Reserve Shiraz	2006
Boschendal Wines	1685 Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Buck's Ridge Wines	Syrah Mouverdre	2007
Calitzdorp Wynkelder	Wit Muscadel	2007
Cape Chamonix Wine Farm	Chardonnay Chamonix	2007
Cape Station Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Cape Station Winery	Chenin Blanc/Chardonnay	2008
Cederberg Private Cellars	Five Generation Chenin Blanc	2007
Cloverfield Private Cellar	Chenin Blanc	2008
Crios Bride	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Darling Cellars	Onyx Kroon	2004
David Frost Estate	David Frost Chenin Blanc	2008
David Nieuwoudt	Ghost Corner Semillon	2007
De Grendel Wines	Winifred	2007
De Grendel Wines	Merlot	2006
De Heuvel Estate	Pinotage	2005
De Krans	Touriga Nacional	2006
De Krans	Cape Vintage Reserve Port	2006
Deetlefs	Semillon	2007
Deetlefs	Shiraz	2007
Deetlefs	Merlot	2007
Diemersdal Estate	Winemaker Selection Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Diemersfontein Wines	Pinotage	2007
Dieu Donne Vineyards	Chardonnay	2006
Dieu Donne Vineyards	Sauvignon Blanc	2007
Domaine Brahms Wineries	Pinotage	2005
Domaine Brahms Wineries	Chenin Blanc	2008
Dombeya Wines	Boulder Road Shiraz	2006
Dornier Wines	Cocoa Hill Chenin Blanc	2008
Drakensig Wines	Marais Viljoen Malbec Shiraz Reserve	2007



Du Preez Estate	Petit Verdot	2004
Du Toitskloof Winery	Pinotage	2007
Du Toitskloof Winery	Shiraz	2005
Du Toitskloof Winery	Cape Rub Port	2006
Du Toitskloof Winery	Chardonnay/Viognier Reserve	2007
Du Toitskloof Winery	Reserve Sauvignon Blanc	2007
Durbanville Hills	BiesjesCraal Sauvignon Blanc	2008
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Eagles Nest Farm	Viognier	2006
Edgebaston	Shiraz	2005
Eikendal Vineyards	Noble Late Harvest	2006
Eikendal Vineyards	Shiraz	2004
Elgin Vintners	Rosé	2008
Ernie Els Wines	Guardian Peak SMG	2006
Excelsior Estate	Paddock Shiraz	2006
Flagstone Winery	Two Roads White Blend	2005
Flagstone Winery	Mary Le Bow	2005
Freedom Hill Wines	Shiraz	2004
GlenWood	Shiraz	2007
GlenWood	Semillon Vignerons Selection	2006
Graham Beck Wines	The Joshua	2006
Graham Beck Wines	The Joshua	2005
Graham Beck Wines	The Ridge Shiraz	2003
Groenland	Shiraz Premium	2005
Groenland	Premium Antoinette Marie	2005
Groot Constantia Estate	Shiraz	2006
Groot Constantia Estate	Gouverneurs Sauvignon Blanc	2007
Groot Eiland	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Groot Eiland	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005
Groote Post Vineyards	Merlot	2007
Groote Post Vineyards	The Old man Blend White	2008
Groote Post Vineyards	The Old Man Blend Shiraz	2007
Grundheim Wyne	Rooi Jerepiko	2007
Hartenberg Estate	Weisser Riesling	2006



Hildenbrand Estate	Shiraz	2007
Hildenbrand Estate	Chardonnay Barrique	2007
Hildenbrand Estate	Sleepless Nights	2007
Jacobsdal Estate	Pinotage	2005
Kango Winery	Rooi Muscadel	2008
Kango Winery	VO Brandy	date?
Kleine Zalze Wines	Vineyard Selection Chenin Blanc	2007
Kleine Zalze Wines	Cellar Selection Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Kleine Zalze Wines	Cellar Select Chenin Blanc	2007
Knorhoek Wines	Pinotage	2005
Koelenhof Winery	Hanepoot	2007
Koelenhof Winery	Koelnektar	2008
Koelenhof Winery	Koelenbosch Semillon	2008
Koelenhof Winery	Koelenbosch Sauvignon Blanc	2008
KWV	Roodeberg	2005
KWV	Laborie Sauvignon Blanc	2008
KWV	Alambic	
La Couronne	Shiraz	2006
Laibach Vineyards	Ladybird	2006
L'Avenir Estate	Grand Vin Pinotage	2006
Lazanou Organic Vineyards	Chardonnay/Chenin Blanc	2008
Lazanou Organic Vineyards	Barrel Mated Chenin Blanc	2007
Le Bonheur Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Lelienfontein Estate	Adama	2007
Lelienfontein Estate	Optenhorst Chenin Blanc	2007
Linton Park Wines	Chardonnay	2007
Lomond	Syrah	2005
Longridge Winery	Pinotage	2005
Lourensford	River Garden Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Lutzville Cape Diamond Vineyards	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Lutzville Cape Diamond Vineyards	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005
Lynx Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2004
Major's Hill Estate	Pinotage	2006
Major's Hill Estate	Chardonnay	2007



Marianne Estate	Shiraz	2005
Marianne Estate	Desirade	2005
Merwida Winery	White Muscadel	2007
Merwida Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Miravel	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Monis Wines	Extra Dry Fine Sherry Fino	N/V
Mooiplaas Estate	Cabernet Franc	2005
Mountain River Wines	Zarafa Edelweiss Chenin Blanc	2008
Mountain River Wines	Zarafa Edelweiss Shiraz	2008
Muratie	Shiraz	2006
Nederburg Wines	Special Late Harvest	2007
Nederburg Wines	Private Bin D270 Chardonnay	2007
Nederburg Wines	Manor House Shiraz	2007
Nederburg Wines	Edelkeur	2005
Nederburg Wines	Private Bin R121 Shiraz	2006
Nederburg Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Nederburg Wines	Edelkeur	2006
Nederburg Wines	Manor House Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Nederburg Wines	Manor House Shiraz	2006
Nederburg Wines	Winemasters Reserve Pinotage	2006
Nederburg Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Nederburg Wines	Winmasters Reserve Shiraz	2006
Nederburg Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Nederburg Wines	Semillon NLH	2007
Nederburg Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Nederburg Wines	Ingenuity	2007
Neethlingshof Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Nelson Estate	Nelsons Creek Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot Rosé	2008
Niel Joubert Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2002
Niel Joubert Estate	Pinotage	2006
Nitida Cellars	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Nitida Cellars	Coronata	2007
Nitida Cellars	Club Select Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Noble Hill Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005



Nomada Wines	Sauvignon Blanc	2007
Nuy Wine Cellar	Colombar Semi Sweet	2008
Nuy Wine Cellar	White Muscadel	2006
Opstal Estate	Chenin Blanc	2008
Painted Wolf Wines	Pinotage	2007
Perdeberg Winery	Reserve Chenin Blanc	2008
Perdeberg Winery	Reserve Viognier	2007
Perdeberg Winery	Reserve Pinotage	2005
Perdeberg Winery	Reserve Shiraz	2005
Porterville Cellars	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005
Porterville Cellars	Porter Mill Station Pinotage	2006
Porterville Cellars	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005
Porterville Cellars	Porter Mill Station Shiraz	2006
Raka	Pinotage	2007
Raka	Sangiovese	2007
Raka	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Rickety Bridge Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon	2004
Ridgeback Wines	Shiraz	2005
Ridgeback Wines	Merlot	2005
Riebeeck Cellars	Shiraz	2005
Rietvallei Estate	Muscadel	2007
Rietvallei Estate	Special Select Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Rietvallei Estate	Sauvignon Blanc/Colombar	2008
Rietvallei Estate	Chenin Blanc	2008
Rietvallei Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Rietvallei Estate	1908 Red Muscadel	2004
Rijk's Private Cellar	Fascination	2006
Rijk's Private Cellar	Shiraz	2003
Rijk's Private Cellar	Chenin Blanc Reserve	2007
Rijk's Private Cellar	Pinotage	2004
Robertson Winery	Retreat Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Rooiberg Winery	Pinotage Reserve	2006
Rooiberg Winery	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Rooiberg Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006



Rooiberg Winery	Red Muscadel	2007
Rooiberg Winery	Cape Vintage	2005
Rooiberg Winery	Chardonnay Reserve	2007
Saam Mountain Vineyards	Koopmanskraal Shiraz	2006
Saam Mountain Vineyards	Chenin Blanc	2008
Saam Mountain Vineyards	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Saronsberg Cellar	Full Circle	2006
Saxenburg	Private Collection Shiraz	2005
Saxenburg	Private Collection Sauvignon Blanc	2007
Seidelberg Estate	Rolands Reserve Pinotage	2006
Schalk Burger & Sons Winery	Welbedacht Chenin Blanc	2007
Simonsig Estate	Shiraz	2004
Skilpadvlei Wines	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Slanghoek Winery	Private Selection Crème de Chenin	2007
Soet Karoo	Red Muscat d'Alexandrie	2008
Stellenbosch Hills	1707 Reserve	2005
Stellenrust	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Stellenrust	43 Chenin Blanc	2007
Stellenrust	Chenin d' Muscat	2007
Stellenzicht Vineyards	Golden Triangle Shiraz	2005
Stellenzicht Vineyards	Golden Triangle Pinotage	2006
Stellenzicht Vineyards	Hill & Dale Pinotage	2006
Stellenzicht Vineyards	Syrah	2003
Stoney Croft	Shiraz	2005
Strandveld Vineyards	First Sighting Shiraz	2006
Strandveld Vineyards	Adamaster	2007
Strandveld Vineyards	Shiraz	2006
Swartland Wynkelder	Indalo Shiraz	2006
Tempel Wines	Pinotage	2006
Thelema Mountain Vineyards	Shiraz	2005
Thokozani Wines	SMV	2007
Tokara	Zondernaam Chardonnay	2007
Tokara	Zondernaam Shiraz	2004
Topiary Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006



Tukulu	Sangiovese	2006
Tukulu	Chenin Blanc	2008
Tukulu	Shiraz	2005
Tulbagh Wine Cellars	Cabernet Sauvignon	2004
Tulbagh Wine Cellars	Chardonnay	2008
Uitkyk Estate	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Uitvlucht Wines	Montagu Wine Company Port	2008
Uitvlucht Wines	Montagu Wine Company Rooi Muscade I	2008
Uitvlucht Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005
Uitvlucht Wines	Shiraz	2007
Uitvlucht Wines	MontageWine Company Wit Muscadel	2007
Uva Mira Vineyards	Cellar Selection Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Uva Mira Vineyards	Single Vineyard Chardonnay	2007
Val de Vie Estate	Polo Club	2006
Val de Vie Estate	Val de Vie Shiraz	2006
Van Loveren Private Estate	Red Muscadel	2007
Van Loveren Private Estate	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Van Loveren Private Estate	Wolverine Creek Chardonnay Reserve	2007
Van Loveren Private Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Van Loveren Private Estate	Blanc de Noir Red Muscadel	2008
Van Loveren Private Estate	5 Year Old	
Viljoensdrift Wines	River Grandeur Pinotage	2008
Viljoensdrift Wines	River Grandeur Chardonnay	2008
Villiera Wines	Cellardoor Chenin Blanc	2007
Vondeling	Vondeling	2006
VredeWine Farm	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Vrede en Lust Wine Farm	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Vruchtbaar Boutique Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon	2004
Wellington Wynkelder	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Wellington Wynkelder	Cabernet Sauvignon	2007
Wellington Wynkelder	Pinotage Rosé	2008
Windmeul Kelder	Port	2006
Windmeul Kelder	Pinotage Reserve	2006
Windmeul Kelder	Chenin Blanc Reserve	2007



Windmeul Kelder	Sauvignon Blanc	2008
Windmeul Kelder	Pinotage Reserve	2007
Windmeul Kelder	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Windmeul Kelder	Chenin Blanc Reserve	2008
Zandberg	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Zandwijk Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006
Zonnebloem	Semillon Limited Edition	2007
Zorgvliet Wines	Cabernet Franc	2006
Zorgvliet Wines	Petit Vredot	2006
Zorgvliet Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005



The Michelangelo International Wine Awards was created in 1997 by Lorraine Immelman, a wine lover and marketing/public relations consultant, when she identified a need in the wine industry for the creation of an international wine competition for South Africa: an international jury from Europe, the USA, UK and Asia judging local wines. Up to then local wine competitions were run and judged by the wine makers themselves, and were under scrutiny for not being objective or fair.

Since its inception there has been increasing support for the competition among local producers and today it is considered one of the top three wine contests in South Africa.

With this international competition the organisers aim to annually identify South African wines which will fare well in international markets, hence the appointment of an international panel. The organisers endeavour to invite only one judge for a particular country, including South Africa. Early days

In October 1997 the first international jury, consisting of 10 international and two local judges, arrived in South Africa for the first MIWA, then held in Johannesburg. For this first competition, only 146 entries were received! Although this was a small number, the organisers were confident that it reflected the local wine industry's endorsement of the new competition and what it stands for. Entries have since increased steadily by an average of 30% per year to 187 the following year, 301 in 1999, 423 in 2000 and a staggering 1 056 entries in 2003!

A new era for the MIWA in 2003:

The competition is a vibrant, exciting annual project which endeavours to be alive not only for a few weeks of the year, but in future to offer opportunities and prospects for the top winners throughout the year, and to a bigger audience.

A move to the winelands:



The 2003 competition also marked the start of a new era for the competition when the Michelangelo International Wine Awards was moved to the Western Cape, the main wine producing area of South Africa.

Two new trophies for the mantelpiece to aspire to:

The organisers also introduced two new trophies, namely the Sue van Wyk trophy for the best Pinotage and the 2003 Swiss International Airlines' Trophy for the best Garagiste wine entered into the competition.

New marketing opportunities:

As from 2004 Good Taste magazine and the Wine of the Month Club have joined forces with the organisers of the Michelangelo International Wine Awards for the promoting of the competition's winning wines in general and the winner of the Garagiste trophy in particular. This exciting development will offer these small wine makers a platform to also promote their wine to passengers on Nationwide Airlines, of which Good Taste is the official on-board magazine.

Our top winners to international shows:

The organisers continue to seek new opportunities for the competition's top wines and our 2003 Grand Prix winner, Pierre Wahl of Rijk's Private Cellar, spent a week in Finland where he attended various wine tastings as well as the Helsinki Food and Wine Show in March 2004. He also had the opportunity to talk about his wine and his work at the Rijk's cellar, while at the same time promoting the other wines awarded Grand Gold medals in the 2003 competition. The organisers seek to continue offering the winners international opportunities and will endeavour to identify further opportunities abroad for future winners.

Opening up to international entries:

In 2003 the organisers were approached by a number of foreign producers, and as a result the competition was opened to international entries. Sixteen foreign wines were entered, among them the Australian Wilson's Oak Chardonnay 2001 which was awarded one of only 19 Grande D'Or medals. A further three international entries, namely from Italy, France and Australia were awarded silver medals.

Sponsors and judges: :

With the five star Michelangelo Hotel in Sandton, Johannesburg as venue sponsor from 1997 to 2002, the competition was off to a good start. However, since the competition's organisers' decision to move from Johannesburg to the Cape, the venue has changed to the beautiful Spier Wine Estate outside the picturesque old village of Stellenbosch. The estate is the competition's title sponsor until 2005 (inclusive). Here, in the Cape winelands our foreign judges are close to the vineyards and the wine estates where South Africa's top wines are produced, and can exchange ideas with local winemakers. The organisers choose the judges carefully, ensuring that they are of both international standing in the wine industry as well as having credibility and experience as wine writers/editors for international food and wine and travel publications. This ensures that the competition, as well as its sponsors and award-winning winemakers and estates receive good publicity. The Michelangelo International Wine Awards is a totally independent competition with no interest or claims whatsoever in or from the wine industry. The competition is mainly self-funding, through sponsors, the sale of award labels for winning wines and the payment of entry into the competition.

