

**News Release  
Stellar Winery  
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### **Quality Organic Wines Gain Widespread Recognition**

Stellar Winery, the organic Fairtrade producer on the West Coast Wine Route, is gathering accolades for its wines thick and fast this season.

A sure sign that organic wines are coming into their own, wines of the cellar's 2009 vintage have recently received recognition in both local and international competitions.

The judges at the International Wine and Spirits Competition, held annually in London, awarded Silver Best in Class to the Stellar Organics Sauvignon Blanc and Stellar Organics no-sulphur-added Shiraz.

The "Bicycle Wines" annual list of top organic wines in the Netherlands has just been published. Bicycle Wines are the top-scoring wines judged good enough to warrant the effort of getting on a bicycle and travelling to the shop to purchase.

Here again Stellar wines are heavily featured, with the Best Organic White Wine spot going to Heaven on Earth *vin de paille* for the second year running.

Stellar Organics Sauvignon Blanc, Pinotage, No-Sulphur-Added Merlot, No-Sulphur-added Shiraz and Natural Star Shiraz all received Bicycle Wine scores. Stellar's six Bicycle Wines were the highest number achieved by a Fairtrade producer in the 2009 list.

Also featured on the list are Stellar Organics Chenin Blanc, African Star white blend and Stellar Organics No-Sulphur-Added Shiraz Rosé.

In local competitions and tastings, Veritas gave the nod to the deliciously fruity Stellar Organics Chenin Blanc with a silver medal.

Live-a-Little Shiraz Rosé, from Stellar's entry-level range, has been included in WINE Magazine's Best Value guide 2009.

The recognition given to the Stellar white wines are an indication of the quality grapes emerging from the cool-pocket vineyards of Lutzville and at Koekenaap at the mouth of the Olifant's River. In Wilson's opinion, white wines from these vineyards will be a match for the finest South African whites in the years to come.

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