General overview

Celebrate the harvest season in style at the 2017 Harvest Food Festival. Taking place from 24 to 26 November at the Coetzenburg Sports Ground, visitors can look forward to sampling even more delicious wine and food samples than before, with an incredible 75 exhibitors and 10 wineries participating in the festival.

The list of exhibitors reads like an A-Z of the best the harvest has to offer; with producers planning to showcase their latest vintages and cultivars. The Festival represents a unique opportunity for food and wine lovers to experience the diversity of the Wine Routes by sampling from each of the five sub-routes of the region, which includes: Bottelary Hills, Greater Simonsberg, Helderberg, Stellenbosch Valley and Stellenbosch Berg.

If you're keen on sampling some of the 'rarer gems' from smaller producers, then make sure you visit the Festival on Sunday 26 November, when boutiques are scheduled to make a special appearance. This year the line-up includes: Audacia Wines, Bartinney Private Cellar, Deux Frères, Keermont Vineyards, Kings Kloof, Mostertsdrift Noble, Post House Vineyards, Rudera Wines, The High Road and Usana.

The Gourmet Lane () will once again offer signature treats from restaurants responsible for the region's culinary reputation, including Beyerskloof, Eaglevlei, Vagabond Kitchen, Big Steve Charcuterie, Wild Peacock Food Emporium and Bistro 13. And no South African festival would be complete without biltong – fresh and delicious, it will be available from the biltong stand.

Celebrity chef Langenegger will team up with winemakers to explore the magic of food-and-wine pairing during daily sessions in The Tasting Room. Langenegger will pair delicious canapés with wines from Blaauwklippen, Ernie Els Wines, Kaapzicht, Klein Zalze, L'Avenir, Mooiplaas, Spier, Villiera, Waterford Estate and Waterkloof. Sessions last half an hour and are limited to 40 guests. Booking is essential and tickets can be bought on the day at the festival for R25. Those in possession of a special shopper card can enter free of charge.

Daily Festival tickets cost R180 for adults and include a tasting glass. Tickets are now available online from www.webtickets.co.za. Children under 18 enter free.

Festival opening times:

Friday 15h00-21h00

Saturday 10h00-18h00

Sunday 10h00-18h00

Tastings finish an hour before closing time.

Visit the Festival website www.harvestfestival.co.za for a full event schedule. Follow the Harvest Food Festival on Twitter #HarvestFest, Instagram @Harvestfest or sign up for regular updates on Facebook at HarvestFestival.

The Tasting Room

Choose from one of six selected wineries and enjoy a canapé and wine pairing experience hosted by renowned wine makers. Sessions run daily during the Festival, with each wine farm showcasing 3 specially designed food and wine pairings unique to each farm. Learn which type of foods pair best with which type of wines.