

What is Organic Wine?

Organic refers to a system of farming that maintains and replenishes the fertility of the soil. The grapes are grown without the use of chemical pesticides, herbicides, fungicides or fertilizers.

Only compost and organic materials are used, with indigenous vegetation for mulching. In the cellar the maximum allowable quantity of sulphur dioxide is half that of the maximum permitted for conventional wines and certain chemicals are forbidden.

Stellar Winery's organic status is certified by Control Union Certifications as compliant with EU requirements for organic agriculture and production.



Certification # CU 021 094.

Our Wines

SENSORY COLLECTION

This is an offering of barrel-matured wines displaying particular character. The wines are not made to a formula but are chosen because they exhibit special flavours and textures.

Specially commissioned "sensory" paintings illustrate the taste and smell of each varietal and these paintings appear on the wine labels. The "sensory" labels allow one to visually taste the wine before opening.



STELLAR ORGANICS

The wines in this range are assembled from different farms, ferments and yeasts. Individual nuances arise from organic viticulture, saline irrigation water, cooling afternoon winds and occasional wild ferments.

Lightly wooded for structure rather than flavour, these wines offer a tasting experience that provides a convincing argument for organic wines to more than match their conventional counterparts.

STELLAR ORGANICS NO-ADDED-SULPHUR

Initially an experiment, Stellar's no-added-sulphur range of wines has gone from strength to strength. Now entering their fifth year of production, these wines have shown that wine production without preservatives is viable. Careful handling, tannin management and strict attention to cellar hygiene have produced very drinkable wines for the general and niche markets.

STELLAR ORGANICS SPARKLING

Another first for Stellar, this range of Fairtrade organic sparkling wines is ideal for all those special occasions; sunrises....sunset....falling in love....

STELLAR RESERVE

A range of limited-edition wines carefully selected by our winemaker. The range varies from year to year.

LIVE-A-LITTLE

The name of this range of wines says it all: light-hearted, completely drinkable and relaxed. The wines are produced from our more generously-yielding vineyards. The grapes are given the same care in the crusher and coldrooms as our more serious offerings. Yeasts specially selected for this style are used.

LIVE-A-LOT

When a little is just not enough. This 3 litre box range offers the same quality and easy-drinking as the Live-a-Little range, only in a bigger package!

HEAVEN ON EARTH

This multiple award-winning natural sweet wine made from Muscat d'Alexandrie grapes partially-dried on a bed of organic straw and Rooibos tea is unique to Stellar and a true product of Namaqualand. The scents and flavours of apricot and honey offer a taste of Heaven right here on Earth.

SECOND NATURE RANGE

Organic Verjuice

Made from the juice of young green grapes (veraison) thinned from the vines during the growing season, verjuice is an elegant and delicate alternative to both vinegar and lemon juice. It adds a zesty balance to syrups, salad dressings, stock and cream-based sauces, gravies and reductions and is ideal for deglazing pans, with or without stock.

Organic Grapeseed Oil

A varietal-specific oil pressed from the seeds of organic grapes.

OTHER EXPORT LABELS

- Moonlight Organics
- Sunshine Organics
- Firefly
- African Star
- Itlhemba



About Us

Stellar Organic Winery, the largest producer of organic wines in South Africa, is privately owned by the Rossouw brothers and the Stellar employees, who own 26% shares in the cellar and 50% in Stellar Agri, a table and wine grape farming operation. Situated 275km from Cape Town on the road to Namibia, the cellar makes use of a semi-arid climate, unrivalled refrigeration capacity and extensive in-house engineering skills to produce modern, organic Fairtrade wines.

Stellar's team has gained a reputation for forward-thinking innovation with the introduction of South Africa's first no-sulphur-added wines to the market. It was also the first organic winemaking operation in the world to be given the coveted Fairtrade accreditation.

The people who work at Stellar are its greatest asset. Their enthusiasm, drive and sheer hard work have ensured that our dream of building a successful, sustainable organic farming and winery operation has been realised.

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Fairtrade is an international system of standards for producers and their products. They ensure that farmers, workers and the environment are adequately protected so as to build a more sustainable future. The Fairtrade logo guarantees that the product is ethically produced and that a share of the purchase price is remitted directly to the workers for democratically elected projects.

Our People

As co-owners, everyone at Stellar is committed to ensuring that products and customers are looked after. A democratic system ensures that everyone has a voice and that anyone who wants to, is allowed to shine.

Berty Jones

From a handyman who helped to build the cellar, Berty is now a key member of the winemaking team as our Assistant Winemaker. Berty's story encapsulates the Stellar philosophy of providing the opportunity for growth and change.

Maria Malan

From house cleaner to Farm Manager, Maria's journey with Stellar has been amazing. Starting with the Rossouw family in 1976 Maria now manages a team of up to 200 people during the grape season. Her love and understanding of the land is evident in the quality of the grapes that go into making Stellar wines.



Fairtrade Projects at Stellar



Completed Projects

- Fencing for workers' houses
- Laptop computers

Ongoing

- A commercial organic vegetable garden
- A Viognier vineyard planted next to the Trawal Primary School serves as an organic educational farming project. The proceeds from the sale of grapes and wine will be shared by the school and the Stellar Employees' Trust.
- The purchase of a 26% shareholding in the cellar and a 50% shareholding in Stellar Agri, the farming operation

On The Wish List

- The purchase of a bus for transporting workers to and from the farms and cellar
- The building of a new community centre at Stellar

