



Diemersdal Gets WWF Conservation Status

Diemersdal Wine Estate has become the latest WWF Conservation Champion. This is a select group of 50 South African wine farms who have met the programme's stringent requirements, thereby proving themselves to be leaders of nature conservation and sustainable wine production. Currently only 50 farms in the Cape meet these requirements, which are determined and managed by the World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF), the world's leading conservation organisation.

Farmers who are WWF Conservation Champions own some 45 000+ ha of land between them, of which 23 265 ha is conserved as a pristine part of the world-famous Cape Floral Kingdom comprising fynbos and Karoo succulent plants. The 50 members work closely with the WWF in their conservation endeavours and are subjected to annual audits to ensure they meet the specifications required of a Conservation Champion.

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Diemersdal Certification & Sustainability

- **WWF Conservation Champion**

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- **Dryland**

All vineyards are unirrigated. Dryland farming is key to Durbanville wine quality resulting in more established, firmer root structure, better fruit character, more varietal expression.

- **IPW**

Integrated production of wine complies with international wine industry environmental sustainability criteria.

- **BRCGS**

The BRCGS provide a framework to manage product safety, integrity, legality, quality, and the operational controls in the food, food ingredient, manufacturing, processing and packaging industries.

- **WIETA**

Multi-stakeholder, non-profit, voluntary organisation which actively promotes ethical trade in the wine industry value chain through training, technical assessment and audits to assess members' compliance with its code of good practice.

- **CVC**

The Cape Vintner Classification (CVC) is an independent body committed to the accreditation, governance, representation and promotion of distinctive regional site specific Cape wines.

