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## **BONNIEVALE CABERNET SAUVIGNON SCORES A HATTRICK**

Bonnievale Wines has triumphed at the SA Young Wine Show, snapping up trophies at both the regional and national events this week, and in consecutive years too. Once again, the quality of Bonnievale wines and resilience of its vineyards were on display when the winery was named regional champion for cabernet sauvignon for the third year, and unwooded cabernet sauvignon class winner for the same wine at the nationals, for the second year in a row.

As such, it received the Bon Courage Trophy for Cabernet Sauvignon for the former, also claiming the only gold medal for red wine in the region. Just hours later, Bonnievale Wines was singled out as winner of the class for Unwooded Cabernet Sauvignon, earning itself the Castle Wine & Brandy Co Ltd Trophy.

“We’re grateful for the recognition and emotional boost to confidence, given the year the world and our industry has endured,” says Bonnievale Wines CEO John Barnardt. “This consistent achievement serves to highlight once again how deep our roots lie in this terroir – a treasure chest from which our winemakers are able to craft memorable wines.”

The SA Young Wine Show is an annual competition that rates wines of the current vintage year. As such, it is an early indicator of how wines are likely to develop until release and beyond. It also reflects the very DNA of Bonnievale’s award-winning cabernet sauvignon fruit, which is used not only by the winery itself but purchased for the making of some of South Africa’s premium labels.

According to the SA National Wine Show Association (SANWSA), the assessment panels were unanimous that 2020 has been “a very good year for red wine”.

“The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon vintage has proven to be as exceptional as expected,” it said.

The wines were scrutinised by some 50 judges on 13 panels.

For more information about Bonnievale Wines, visit the website, phone on 023 616 2795 or email: [tastings@bonnievalewines.co.za](mailto:tastings@bonnievalewines.co.za). Get the taste of Bonnievale and order directly from our online shop at [www.bonnievalewines.co.za](http://www.bonnievalewines.co.za).

The Bonnievale Wines visitor centre is open for tastings Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 17:00 and Saturday from 10:00 to 13:00 for sales.

Interact with Bonnievale Wines on Twitter @bonnievalewines; Instagram, using bonnievalewines; and, Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bonnievalewines/>).

### **A winning team**



Bonnievale Wines has triumphed at the SA Young Wine championship and Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show. Leading the team are, from left, Bonnievale Wines production manager Marthinus Rademeyer, CEO John Barnardt and divisional winemakers Tinus le Roux, Eddie Mathambo, Chris van Reenen and Jean Slabber.

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