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Dear Producer,

Update on WIETA

Systembolaget:

This week Systembolaget published their tenders for 2014 and three of these tenders state that the wine must be WIETA certified. The WIETA tenders are for a pinotage, for a cool climate red, and for a white blend. WIETA accredited means that the wine must be eligible to carry the WIETA seal i.e. all suppliers of that wine accredited.

WIETA Progress:

The industry is making steady progress with accreditation. At the beginning of November, WIETA had 766 members. 347 audits had been completed and 72 audits are booked for November and December. 955 producers have participated in training and 203 units have been accredited.

Recognition of other audits:

WIETA will recognise other ethical audits such as Fairtrade or those audits done under the SIZA programme provided that the audit report has no major transgressions.

International Recognition of the WIETA code of conduct:

WIETA is currently in the process of obtaining GSCP (Global Social Compliance Programme) accreditation for both the WIETA code and audit. Once this is done the WIETA code will be recognised by all major retailers internationally.

www.wieta.org.za

The WIETA website is up to date and full of useful information. Once a producer is a member, he or she can download all the information, manuals, and forms that are needed to prepare for an audit. There should be no need for costly consultants.

Cost of Audit

From 2014, the cost of an audit for a farm is about R6 500 or R8 000 for a cellar plus travel. Vinpro is subsidising producers with a R2 5-000 rebate once they have been WIETA accredited.

General meeting

In response to recent concerns circulated amongst members regarding the WIETA Code and related matters, the CEO and the Board members are holding a special members meeting on 3rd Dec at 9am at Nietvoorbij Campus. Everyone is welcome and this is the chance to ask any questions or raise any issues.

Kind regards
The WOSA Team

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