

## REPORT - SAWIS AND WINE OF ORIGIN (WO) REGIONS

A formal request has been lodged to address the categorisation in terms of the reporting within the different regions when considering the SAWIS Information Districts and Wine of Origin (WO) areas.

A task team has reviewed the request, the information and proposed a solution to the Industry Information Committee for approval. The committee met on Wednesday, 12 October 2022 and approved the proposed methodology.

The new working methodology will be implemented with the onset of the 2023 harvest. Statistical reporting will be phased in to reflect the new format in full with the finalisation of the 2022 statistical reports. Information will be amended historically where possible and as ad-hoc requests for data compilation arises. It needs to be noted that as the concerned WO areas are amended/change so will the SAWIS Information regions.

### 1 BACKGROUND

The industry currently has 142 demarcated Wine of Origin (WO) areas, with Overarching Geographical units (1), Geographical units (6), Overarching Regions (1), Regions (5), Subregions (1), Districts (30), Wards (98), the respective parameters. The definitions are as follows:

- The term "ward" is used for a small demarcated viticultural area which includes farms, but is not necessarily part of a district. The Voor-Paardeberg ward is for instance part of the Paarl district, but the Cederberg ward is not part of a specific district.
- The term "district" is used for a demarcated viticultural district, which does not necessarily follow the borders of the former Regional Council districts.
- A region, i.e., Klein Karoo and Coastal Region, is a combination of different districts or portions of districts.
- Currently six geographical units have been demarcated namely: Western Cape, Northern Cape, Kwazulu-Natal, Limpopo, Free State and Eastern Cape.

It is very challenging to structure the area data from a reporting point of view because the demarcation does not consistently follow a nesting structure as mentioned in the case of the Cederberg ward above. It is also impossible for SAWIS to report on 142 demarcated areas from an administrative and practical perspective. Cognisance needs to be taken of the fact that some of the areas have a small number of producers, small production volumes and/or small trading (local and export) volumes. In the past some of the larger producers were extremely sensitive to have reporting at this level as any buyer can easily analyse information at producer level in terms of pricing. As a general rule there has to be more than two role-players within a set of data to ensure confidentiality, but in the cases where there is one big dominant role-player within that set of data, it tends to expose the big role-player.

**Note: - The dataset "Area under vines/total plantings" has always and will continue to reflect all the WO regions.**

### 2 REPORTS

#### 2.1 STATISTICAL REPORTING

Consideration will only be given to the inclusion and separate reporting of a WO area if it meets all of the following criteria:

- WO demarcated **district**

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- Has more than **1 000 hectares** of area under vine
  - Substantial portion (more than 30%) of production (ton x 750 litres/ton) is **certified as the specific WO**

## **2.2 DISTRICT CONDITIONS AND HARVEST REPORT**

The task team acknowledges that areas, with their foundation as an official wine route, could be included in the district conditions and harvest report that are not statistically reported on separately. The areas to be included from a quantitative and/or qualitative perspective in the District Conditions, published in October and the Harvest Report published in May are as follows:

1. Bredekloof District
2. Cape South Coast Region
  - 2.1 Elgin District
  - 2.2 Hemel-and-Aarde Ward
3. Cape Town District
  - 3.1 Constantia Ward
  - 3.2 Durbanville Ward
4. Darling District
5. Franschhoek District
6. Klein Karoo Region
7. Northern Cape Geographical Unit
8. Olifantsrivier Region
9. Paarl District
10. Robertson District
11. Stellenbosch District
12. Swartland District
14. Wellington District
15. Worcester District

Both the District Conditions and the Harvest Report are compiled by Vinpro's viticultural consultants with statistical inputs from SAWIS. Going forward it will be expected of the respective wine route to be included in these two reports to provide the necessary inputs.

As from Harvest 2023, input will be required from these respective wine routes:

- Constantia
- Darling
- Durbanville
- Elgin
- Franschhoek
- Hemel-en-Aarde
- Tulbagh
- Wellington

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