

Inviting all viticulturists, winemakers and marketers

*to the first ever*

GROUP  ECOCERT  
*Organic Wine Symposium*

**Exploring the potential of organic certification for your farm and label**

The organic market is expanding at a rapid pace, increasing the demand and price for organic wine worldwide. The symposium will focus on conventional wine farms curious about the organic sector, inputs allowed for use, what certification entails and how to access the markets. Speakers includes certification specialists, European organic buyers and experienced organic viticulturists and winemakers. Don't miss out!

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 *Thursday 23 August*  *Spier Wine Farm*  *R390pp*

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# ECOCERT GROUP Organic Wine Symposium Programme

23  
AUGUST

**08:30** Registration and coffee in the foyer

**09:00** Welcome and introduction to Ecocert, Dr Marianna Smith (Ecocert Southern Africa General Manager)

**09:30** Background on organic production standards, Daniël Kotzé (Ecocert Southern Africa Auditor)

- Documentation requirements
- Inputs (planting material, fertilisers, pesticides) allowed in organic viticulture
- Certification process

**10:30** Coffee break with snacks in the foyer

**10:50** Lessons learned in large scale organic viticulture, Wilhelm Steenkamp (Stellar Organics Viticulturist)

**11:30** Pioneering organic viticulture in South Africa (Johan Reyneke, Reyneke Wines Owner and Viticulturist)

**12:10** Marketing opportunities for organic wine in Europe, Richard Dennis (Ehrmanns Wines Senior Commercial Manager, United Kingdom)

**13:00** Lunch and organic wine in the foyer (around input marketing stalls)

**14:00** Introduction to Fair for Life (fair trade) standard, Prof Valdon Smith (Ecocert Southern Africa Auditor)

**14:30** Background on organic wine making standards, Daniël Kotzé

- Documentation requirements, labelling and marketing
- Inputs (yeasts, additives, processing aids) allowed in organic winemaking

**15:10** Bottling nature, Johan Delpont (Waverley Hills Winemaker)

**15:45** Organic winemaking in Elgin, Kosie van der Merwe (Elgin Ridge Wines Winemaker and Viticulturist)

**16:20** Conclusion and thanks, Daniël Kotzé

**16:30 – 18:00** Organic wine tasting /drinking and goodbyes

