

organic wines

ORG de RAC

SWARTLAND ESTATE



Owner: Mr. Nico Bacon
Location: Swartland
Size: 264 hectares
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... Green Heartbeat of the Swartland

A completely organic winery!



It's hard not to notice Org de Rac Organic Wine Estate when you cross the Berg River towards Piketberg on the N7. Just the sight of the vineyards on the hillside already anticipates a hearty welcome, fine wine, good clean country air and life in abundance.

But Org de Rac is much more than organic – more than vineyards, wine, lavender, rosemary, olives and no words for the fantastic view and beautiful surroundings.

Up close and personal you will discover a true green heartbeat at the foot of the Piketberg constantly striving for balance between nature, people and business.

Org de Rac's approach stems from a deep respect and commitment to the natural environment, the people involved in making our wine and the people who will finally enjoy our wine. Our grapes are raised in healthy soil, fertilised by living, organic compost and are never sprayed or exposed to any form of chemical pesticide, herbicide or fungicide.

These organically produced grapes are then taken to our cellar and made into wine according to strict principles and controlled practices. Absolutely no chemical additives and only half the amount of sulphur content of conventional wine is allowed in the wine making process, resulting in a healthier wine on your table.

The delicious range of healthier wines of superior quality and taste was therefore grown and made to the highest modern standards and with the utmost respect for the earth, the local community and above all, for you – the discerning wine lover who cares.

Org de Rac is proud to be involved in a GREEN BEAT PROJECT initiated by a local group of 80 previously disadvantaged women called the *Vroue van Môre*. They recently divided the town of Piketberg into 20 manageable blocks who will through the course of 2011 score points for participating in recycling, cleaning the streets as they go, establishing vegetable gardens, reporting crime etc. Their progress will be updated on the community notice boards at the Police Station and local supermarkets, and the block to score the most points will receive the GREEN BEAT BLOCK OF THE YEAR-award.

During the recent summer school holidays Org de Rac assisted in identifying a number of local children to start the Green Beat Kids-group, who through song, gumboot dancing and art has joined the Green Beat Project by committing themselves to take a message of conservation and protection to the rest of the community – especially the children. Read more about this project and the Green Beat Conservation Reserve on www.orgderac.co.za.