



POWER BLEND

When US businessman Preston Haskell IV invited local winemaker Rianie Strydom to make a flagship wine for his Haskell Vineyards outside Stellenbosch, she chose to create a classic Bordeaux blend of four traditional varietals. The result is Haskell IV (R400), a wine that's sensational in every sense of the word – smooth and mouth filling, rich on the nose, and great to look at. Also released are the Haskell Pillars Syrah 2008 (R400) and Haskell Aeon Syrah 2008 (R290), two 'idiosyncratic' interpretations of the Shiraz grape. haskellvineyards.com

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WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE ROBERTSON VALLEY'S WACKY

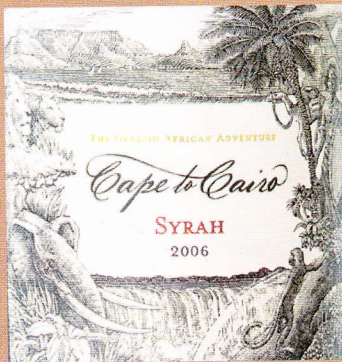
WINE WEEKEND (2 TO 5 JUNE). WACKYWINEWEEKEND.COM



VINTNERS IN THE MAKING

Having completed their training at Elsenburg Agricultural College and Stellenbosch University respectively, Cape Winemakers Guild Protégés Tamsyn Jeththa (left) and Sacha Claassen have bright futures ahead of them. Supported by Cape Winemakers Guild bursaries during their studies, they both spent the past year in the cellars of guild members. And their internships continue: Tamsyn under the wing of Villiera's Jeff Grier (she was previously at the Company of Wine People), and Sacha with Nitida's Bernhard Veller (she was previously at Villiera). The goal of the protégé programme is to help 'initiate transformation in the industry by cultivating, nurturing and empowering promising individuals to become winemakers of excellence'. capewinemakersguild.com

What's the best way to keep warm this winter? Cuddle up with a loved one, and share a nice bottle of red near a fire. And invest in thermal underwear if you work in a cold environment like a cellar (Sacha). A full-bodied, well-matured red wine (Tamsyn). **What made you decide to become a winemaker?** My passion for nature and good wine. I love doing things that challenge my abilities (Sacha). As a child I knew office work was not my cup of tea. When my dad entered the wine industry, I was intrigued and wanted to learn more (Tamsyn). **What would you like to achieve in the future?** I think it's every winemaker's dream to start their own label (Sacha). To never stop learning (Tamsyn).



LOVE THIS ... LABEL
Something for armchair travellers and dreamers, and yes, of course, wine lovers too, the Cape to Cairo Syrah 2006 (R150) is a worthy buy as much for its drinking pleasure as for its evocative, colonial-cool label design. capetocairo.net

WINE WIN!

HISTORY AND PASSION COMBINE at Muratie Wine Estate in Stellenbosch, where the winemaking philosophy honours the traditional methods and values of the past. Home to some of SA's top wines, the estate is a perfect spot to enjoy good wine, honest farm food and warm Melck family hospitality. **For more information, visit muratie.co.za.** To win one of nine Muratie gift packs worth R1 000 each, visit houseandleisure.co.za/win or send an SMS with 'HL, Muratie' and your name to 35443 before 30 June 2011. For competition rules see page 167. Each gift pack contains a bottle each of Anselva van de Caab 2007; Muratie Shiraz; George Paul Canitz Pinot Noir 2009; Laurens Campher 2010; Ronnie Melck Shiraz 2007 and Muratie's own Méthode Cap Classique 2008.

