

Winetasting from Persia to Paarl

 By [Sindy Peters](#)

20 Aug 2008

Last Saturday, 16 August 2008, the Nederburg Wine Estate played host to the Persia to Paarl Wine Festival 2008, Persia to Paarl. The festival, which is characterised by its distinctively rich Persian ambience, lends its theme from the legend that the Shiraz grape (also known as Syrah) originated in ancient Iran some 7,000 years ago. The Pinotage Hall was lined from end to end with food, wine and various other goodies and treats, ensuring all visitors were well received and entertained.



We arrived just after 11am to a warm reception from the organising committee and did a slow lap around the floor, making sure we got a taste of just about everything. The wine stalls were paid especially close attention and visited more frequently than others. An excellent selection was made available for tasting from Shiraz to Merlot, from Sauvignon to Chenin Blanc, organic to Jewish and even a selection of dessert wine - all delectably delightful on the tastebuds.

Each stall had a special array of goodies, with an assortment of cheeses, biltong, salami, specially crafted jewelry, aromatherapy and body potions, Persian-like jewelry and clothing, wine goblets and accessories, African ornaments etc. The food stalls catered for everyone; we decided on trying out the spit burgers which turned out to be delicious (spit-burger = meat cooked on a spit + bun + lettuce). After lunch, my very brave companions decided to venture into olive tasting. Some found it not as pleasant or appetising as others; while I suntanned on a patch of grass browsing through my complimentary copy of Fynproe.

Entertainment at the festival ranged from face-painting, riding the mechanical Persian bull, live music by Los Gitanos (which sounded more Greek than Persian to my Swiss associate - I tend to agree with him on that point), a food demo, belly dancing, salami tasting etc.

It was all-in-all a good day out into the winelands of Paarl and an annual trip to jot down onto your calendar.

ABOUT SINDY PETERS

Sindy Peters (@sindy_hullaba_lou) is a group editor at Bizcommunity.com on the Construction & Engineering, Energy & Mining, and Property portals. She can be reached at sindy@bizcommunity.com

- Why the Maldives should be at the top of your bucket list - 20 Sep 2022
- Are you ready for an island adventure in the magical Maldives? - 27 Jun 2022
- Walkersons Hotel & Spa, the ideal countryside escape - 14 Dec 2021
- Why The Houghton Hotel makes for the optimal staycation, bleisure spot - 5 Jul 2021
- Raise your teacups - 8 Apr 2015

[View my profile and articles...](#)

For more, visit: <https://www.bizcommunity.com>