

# DGB named Best South African Producer at international wine event

Independent South African wine and spirit producer, [DGB](#), has been announced as the Best South African Producer at the annual wine award and trade tasting event, [Mundus Vini International Award and Spring Tasting](#). In line with this award, DGB - producer of iconic wine brands such as Boschendal, Bellingham, Brampton, Franschhoek Cellars, Douglas Green, Tall Horse, The Beachhouse, amongst others - was honoured among the world's greatest on the first day of wine trade fair [ProWein](#) in Düsseldorf.

Group winemaker, JC Bekker, accepted the certificate on behalf of the wine and spirit producer for 'Best Producer South Africa' presented by the Board of Mundus Vini, in the company of top wineries from Germany, Italy, France, Portugal and Australia.



JC Bekker

DGB cinched this award following a rigorous tasting conducted by 200 international wine experts from 44 countries, of almost 6 200 wines, from more than 150 wine growing regions. According to the organisers, this was the highest number of wines ever tasted at Mundus Vini.

## Award winning wines

Wineries honoured with 'Best Producer'-status, receive this accolade based on achieving the highest overall results, per country, in the competition. A total of twelve wines from DGB achieved individual medals, including gold medals for the Bellingham Homestead Sauvignon Blanc 2016 and the Boschendal 1685 Shiraz 2015, respectively. Additionally, DGB also received 10 silver medals, representing close to 20% of the total award tally presented to wines from South Africa.

Wines in the competition are evaluated according to product category, origin, quality level and flavour, and only the best 40 percent of submitted wines receive medals – making these awards even more valuable and meaningful.

According to Becker, this is a major achievement for DGB and its international reputation: “The MMundus Vini International Wine Award tasting is considered as one of the majorly important trade tastings where international buyers and consumers compare the quality of wines from all over the globe. To be acknowledged at this forum is massively exciting and important to how our individual wine brands are positioned abroad. Its association with what is largely considered as one of the world’s most important trade shows, ProWein, adds additional weight and importance.”

He added: “Personally this award also serves as a barometer of where we are standing in terms of our own work standard, and performance, and we are very happy it reflects that we are indeed on the right track when it comes to international quality standards.”

### Full results from DGB:

WINES	Vintage	Award
Bellingham Homestead Sauvignon blanc	2016	Gold
Boschendal 1685 Shiraz	2015	Gold
Bellingham Homestead Orchards Chenin	2016	Silver
Bellingham Homestead Shiraz	2015	Silver
The Bernard Small Barrel SMV	2013	Silver
The Bernard Series Bush Vine Pinotage	2015	Silver
Boschendal Rachelsfontein Chenin Blanc	2016	Silver
Boschendal 1685 S&M	2014	Silver
Boschendal Elgin Chardonnay	2015	Silver
Boschendal Elgin Pinot Noir	2015	Silver
Franschhoek Cellar Sauvignon Blanc	2016	Silver
Brampton Sauvignon Blanc	2016	Silver

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