



September 2024

Dear Participant

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO PRESS GRAPES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF WINE AND/OR ESTATE BRANDY INTENDED FOR CERTIFICATION

Kindly take note that you can apply for your 2025 WS numbers electronically on www.sawisonline.co.za as from 1 October 2024.

No waiting for the issue of numbers as the number is issued immediately when you submit the application.

Please note it is your own responsibility to provide the correct information and to apply for your WS numbers prior to the commencement of the harvest. Inspection services will not accept notifications of harvest without a legitimate WS number. Please take note that notification of harvest should be given directly to your Inspector.

Manuals explaining the registration process and how to generate WS numbers are available on www.sawis.co.za, Forms and Manuals, Manuals and also on www.sawisonline.co.za. SAWIS Department Certification and the Inspectors are at your service should you require assistance.

We hope your SAWIS Online experience will be positive and a step in the right direction in order to streamline the Certification process.

Please note that section 7(1) of the Wine of Origin Scheme determines that wine may only be certified if the grapes from which it has been produced, were pressed by virtue of an authority. Should you, therefore, fail to apply for a production sheet or neglect to comply with the requirements of the Wine of Origin Scheme relating to the pressing of grapes, such wine will not be considered for certification.

It is of utmost importance that at least **one working day** notice be given by contacting your SAWIS inspector per email before commencement of the pressing of grapes (please complete the notification of harvesting form). In the event of a particular cultivar being pressed continuously, notice need only be given once.

With regard to grapes used in the production of wine under the class designation Wine from naturally dried grapes, Single vineyard wine, Noble late harvest wine, Skin macerated white, Extended barrel aged white/gris, Natural pale/Non-fortified pale, Methode ancestrale, Alternative white/red/rosé and Sun wine, notice must, however, be given every time, as special control is required. Please note that applications for abovementioned class designations should be done on separate production sheets and the class designation be indicated as such. It is also

applicable when grapes from different cultivars and/or origins are pressed together and claims to the use of the cultivar/origin names concerned, are to be retained and indicated on the labels.

Vineyard statistics are not only essential for industry planning, but are also required for certification purposes. If correct returns (SAWIS 1) are not rendered, it may have the consequence that the grapes of the farm concerned may **not be used for the production of certified wine**. (SAWIS 1 data can also be updated on www.sawisonline.co.za. Contact Suritha Sawall at 021-8075713 in this regard.)

If you receive grapes from a farm which does not belong to you, you will have to add this farm to your member profile if it is not already uploaded. (The BG1 manual include a step by step explanation how to do this). The correct farm number from which the grapes are sourced must be provided by the producer. If the SAWIS 1 information of the source farm is not up to date, it could cause problems with the loading of the farm or the addition of the farm to a WS number.

Please note that you must apply for a separate production sheet for each single vineyard wine. Production cards for single vineyard wine can only be issued if a registration (BG 3) has been submitted and approved.

Take note: If you require an IPW production sheet, please indicate so in the appropriate column on the BG1. An additional fee is charged where an IPW production sheet is requested, irrespective of the IPW status. (Wine and Spirit Board – Fees payable from March 2023)

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Yours faithfully



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