

Poterion Fairtrade Communion Wine

Advent Newsletter December 2009

As you can imagine, the last few months have been a challenge for us. Since the Archbishops' advice to withdraw the chalice in July, our sales have dropped off dramatically, but to our great relief Advent has seen the restoration of communion in both kinds, happily coinciding with the arrival of a new shipment of our Poterion Red from South Africa!

We believe that we will now be able to offer churches around the country this Christmas the chance to serve communicants a high-quality communion wine that also brings real benefits to workers in South Africa. This newsletter keeps you up to date with the essential help that you are giving them.

Francis Peel

The Stellar Team

Berty Jones

Berty is the deputy to the chief winemaker, Dudley Wilson. He started life as a miner and a concrete layer before Stellar Vineyards was created. After participating in its construction, he was offered an opportunity to learn the winemaking business. He accepted and now supervises more than 30 workers and is involved in wine production, testing, bottling and labelling.



Willem Roussow
and Berty Jones



Purificators



A couple of churches have mentioned that they have trouble getting the stains out of their purificators when they use the red Communion Wine. If you put them through on a 60° wash, you'll find that they come out as good as new!

Christmas Orders

Last orders for guaranteed Christmas delivery is Monday, December 20th. We will then be open again for business Monday 4th January.

A very Happy Christmas to you all!



Stellar Fairtrade Update

Completed Projects

Fencing for workers' houses to provide privacy and enable home gardening.
Laptop computers.

Ongoing

A commercial organic vegetable garden.
A Viognier vineyard planted next to the Trawal Primary School. Serves as an organic educational farming project and the proceeds from the sale of grapes and wine are shared by the school and the Stellar Employees' Trust.

The purchase of a 26% shareholding in the cellar and a 50% shareholding in Stellar Agri, the farming operation.

An IT training facility which will offer adult education classes to employees and the purchase of more laptops.

Progress report

The vegetable garden is in full production. Seven families are involved in the project. The produce is freely available to members of the Stellar community and the residual vegetables are sold through the retail outlet at the Truck-in next to the cellar. Profits from sales are put into a fund for tertiary education.

The computer centre at the school is fully operational.

The first harvest from the Viognier school block was in 2008. The wine was sold to Delhaize Supermarket chain in Belgium.

On the Wish List

The purchase of a bus for transporting seasonal workers to and from the farms and cellar and for use on social occasions.

The building of a new community centre at Stellar.

Ordering, Delivery and Costs

To order Poterion Fairtrade, you can contact us:
by email at sales@poterionfairtrade.co.uk,
by phone on 01785 817229, by fax on 01785 811181,
or order online via our website www.poterionfairtrade.co.uk

The delivered cost of the wine is:

£5.79 per bottle for 12 bottles (Red or Pale)

£5.39 per bottle for 24 bottles (Red or Pale)

All prices include VAT and 48 hour delivery
(arranged to suit you).

These charges apply throughout the UK
but there is a surcharge for the Highlands.

No payment is required on order.