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An Olive Festival with a difference...

The much-loved Riebeek Valley Olive Festival kicks off on 9 and 10 May 2020 with a difference. Enjoy our savouring award-winning olive oils, olives and olive preserves and be sure to taste our delicious local wines – a touch of Swartland in a glass!

Our local culture and performers will keep you entertained for hours while you sip, taste and enjoy our valley's produce and our unique ambience.

The Swartland and particularly the Riebeek Valley is well known for its olive oil and wines. We have showcased the best the Swartland has to offer in the form of a selection of masterclasses. The EVOO introductory and advanced tasting classes moderated by Linda Costa are informative and definitely worth a try. You'll get to know and appreciate the flavour nuances of Swartland Olive Oil and ultimately how best to choose the ideal combination of oils suited to your ingredients and dishes. We also have an array of award-winning winemakers from around the Swartland who will passionately take you through their varietals, their stories and some of our hidden gems.

From student to winemaker, this year you get to blend, bottle and label your very own wine at The Riebeek Valley Wine Co. Tasting Emporium Wine Blending masterclass.

The Swartland Wine and Olive Route and Santam, new to the Riebeek Valley Olive Festival have created four masterclasses under the banner 'Swartland

Wine Theater' at The Royal Hotel. Andrea and Chris Mullineux, Alecia Boshoff, Callie Louw, Brandon Wightman and Eben Sadie are a few of the moderators to look out for (See attached for more detail on masterclasses)

Enjoy an intimate long table experience with one of your favourite winemakers where Riebeek Valley 'farm to table' deliciousness will be paired with exceptional local wines. This is a great way to sample our local chefs' harvest tables, taste local wines and to make new friends.

Sunday, the 10 May is Mother's Day and The Riebeek Valley Olive Festival is the only place to be. Create your own Swartland experience that will be treasured forever.

Our guided olive walks and olive press demonstrations at Kloovenburg Wine and Olive Estate are a firm favourite. They have also introduced an Olive Tree Pruning Demonstration on Saturday and Sunday at 9 am. Space is limited and booking is essential.

The R150 Passport ensures 2 days access to all the participating venues, a branded wine glass memento and 3 wine tastings. Masterclasses and long tables are not included in the passport. Booking is essential. Passports, masterclasses and long tables can be booked on www.riebeekvalleyolivefestival.co.za.

The participating venues are: Meerhof Winery, Kloovenburg Wine and Olive Estate, Olive Boutique, Riebeek Valley Wine Co. and Allesverloren.

There is no transport available between venues this year and visitors are invited to drive to the various allocated parking areas signposted at the venues.

Please check our website for details on www.riebeekvalleyolivefestival.co.za

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