FRUIT FLASH SEP 2017
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ANNUAL CANNING AND DRY FRUIT TECHNICAL DAY

SAPO Trust had the privilege to attend and exhibit some promising canning and dry fruit varieties at the annual Canning and Dried Fruit Technical Day at Graham & Rhona Beck Skill Centre in Robertson.

VINTAGE DIGGER HARD AT WORK

The 2006 Sterraplante digger Model BS for the extraction of apple stumps was used for the first time in August 2017. According to producers that used this machine, it is a great asset and pleasure to have.

ARKANSAS WHITE FLESHED PEACHES

Promising white flesh peaches from the University of Arkansas are currently under evaluation. The peaches are non-melting, with a beautiful white flesh colour when canned. White Cloud and A-554 trees also have the added bonus of good resistance against bacterial spot.

The harvest date is the third week in December.

NEW DRY GRAPE VARIETIES

Selma Pete
As from the 2018 grafting season, Selma Pete will be available to all SAPO Trust accredited vine nurseries. Currently, the demand for Selma Pete is very high. The commercial yields of this variety's raisins looked very promising over the past few seasons.

Sunmuscat
This new raisin grape variety was planted in five test blocks in the raisin grape growing regions of South Africa during the past season. The first grapes will be seen very early next year. We are very excited to see the final product. The first commercial planting of Sunmuscat will be in 2019.
**GELUK!**

Burgert van Dyk is aangewys as die Waarnemende Hoofbestuurder vanaf 1 Oktober 2017 tot 30 Junie 2018 met die uitdiensteling van Dr Phillip Fourie einde September 2017.

Leander Gagliano is aangestel as die nuwe Kweekerybestuurder op Riviersonderend. Leander tree in diens op 1 Oktober 2017 na Johan Laubscher se aftrede.

Baie geluk aan Emce Coetzee met haar huweliksevestiging in Augustus!

**END-OF-SEASON FUNCTION (FOR SAPO’S AGRICULTURAL WORKERS)**

SAPO Trust held their annual End-of-Season function on 8 September. Personnel were entertained to an informative show on constellations at the Cape Town Planetarium, sightseeing in the Company’s Garden and, of course, fish and chips in Kalk Bay!

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

It is illegal to cut budwood or graft trees of protected varieties without written contractual permission. The Plant Breeders Right Act protects the multiplication of protected varieties. For a first conviction of an offence, the penalty can be a fine or imprisonment of up to two years.

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