



FRUIT FLASH

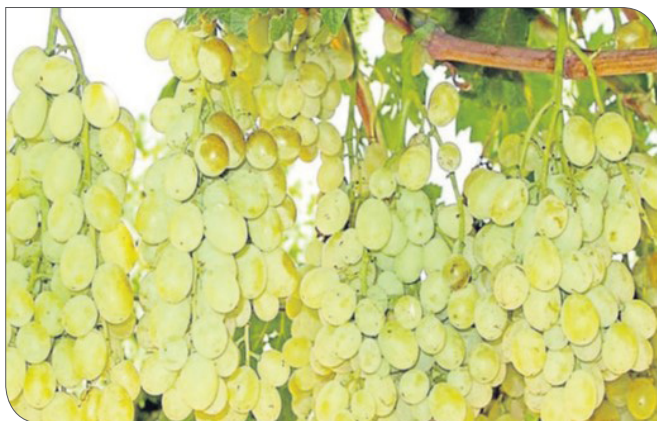
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SUNMUSCAT

Sunmuscat is a raisin grape variety from the USA recently released from quarantine. Literature claims that the variety has high-yielding potential and tolerance to rain. SAPO Trust is currently in the process of multiplying vines to establish evaluation trials in traditional raisin grape growing regions.



Divan Venter, Armand van Niekerk and Frederik Voigt



SAPO SUPPORTS ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY AT HORTGRO GOLF DAY

SAPO participated in Hortgro's annual golf day at Theewaterskloof Golf Club. SAPO decided to show support for the Animal Welfare Society by putting up banners for awareness and donating money to feed the dogs for one day.



SAPO TRUST EMPLOYEES PASSED THEORY EXAMINATION FOR PLANT INSPECTORS

It is a great pleasure to announce that recent theory examinations for upcoming plant inspectors at Plant SA went extremely well and yielded some good results.

Congratulations to the following employees:

From left; Marthinus Gresse, Andreas Lötze, Jessica Rochefort, Albert Bredell and from Tygerhoek, Allister Adendorf.





VIA THE GRAPEVINE

Voor-Groenberg and Lelienfontein nurseries filled all vine orders of Joybells and Selma Pete grape varieties this past season. SAPO Trust were able to supply sufficient propagation material from mother blocks to nurseries in anticipation of the high volume of vines ordered for the 2017 season.



NEW APPOINTMENTS

André van Heerden was appointed as Nursery Technician at Tygerhoek Nursery in Riviersonderend on 1 June 2016. André has extended experience in irrigation installations and propagation of fruit trees.

Danielle May was promoted to Quality Officer at the nursery at Riviersonderend.

Adam and Myra Mouton both left the services of SAPO Trust and Johan Laubscher was appointed as acting Nursery Manager at Riviersonderend.



SANTA SHOEBOX PARTICIPATION

SAPO Trust personnel participated in the 2016 annual Santa Shoebox project by submitting a total of 19 boxes to children in need.



IMPROVEMENTS

We recently upgraded the heating and misting system in one of our greenhouses. This unit will mainly be used for the rooting of promising varieties.



NURSERY INFORMATION DAY

SAPO Trust presented a nursery info day for vines and tree fruit nurserymen and producers on 22 September 2016 at Nelson's Creek Farm in Paarl. A hundred plus delegates attended!



IMPORTANCE OF PLANT MATERIAL CERTIFICATION

A study was conducted by Prof Stephanie Midgley to compare the advantages of certified vs uncertified material. The results were published in the SAFJ and Winelands magazines of Oct/Nov.



BRIDE-TO-BE

Congratulations to Emcee Gagiano, who got engaged during July.

