

NEDERBURG IS NXA

Nederburg, South Africa's most awarded winery and the *John Platter's South African Winery of the Year* for 2011 is back at the Soweto Wine Festival this September when winemaker Tariro Masayiti presents the Nederburg Food & Wine Theatre experience.

Tariro's presentations run several times each on all three days of the festival, from September 1 to 3, and focus on pairing wine and food. He looks at the impact that the five basic flavours – sweet, salty, sour, bitter and umami (a Japanese term to describe a flavor that is intensely savoury) – can have, when it comes to pairing. "It's amazing how one tiny ingredient can change your reaction to a wine. So we'll be looking at the dramatic differences something as basic as a squeeze of lemon or a sprinkle of salt added to a dish, can make to the way you experience a wine," he says.

"It won't be prescriptive at all. We'll show people how you make wine more enjoyable by discovering which food and flavours are more compatible than others."

Presenting red, white and dessert wines in Nederburg's exclusive theatre created for the festival, he will encourage visitors to the festival to try these with familiar foods such as beef, tuna, cheddar cheese and chocolate.

Masayiti, a science graduate, worked as a winemaker in his native Zimbabwe before coming to South Africa where studied for a second degree at the University of Stellenbosch, this time specialising in viticulture and winemaking. He has been making wines at Nederburg since 2006 under the direction of cellarmaster Razvan Macici and focuses on white wines.

The three-day festival will take place at the Soweto Campus of the University of Johannesburg from Thursday, September 1 to Saturday, September 3. Doors will be open from 18:00 to 22:00 on the Thursday and Saturday, and from 17:00 to 21:00 on the Saturday.

Tickets cost R100 and include access to the Nederburg Food & Wine Theatre, a wine tasting glass and goodie bag. To purchase tickets online go to www.webtickets.co.za; the offices of the Cape Wine Academy located at 47 Kelvin Drive, Sandton, or Morara Wine Emporium in Soweto. For more information, please visit www.sowetowinefestival.co.za or www.facebook.com/thesowetowinefestival.

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