

PROFILE of MARILYN COOPER



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*Cape Wine Master
Managing Director of The Cape
Wine Academy
Member - Soweto Wine Festival*



Marilyn's career in the wine industry began after she received her Cape Wine Masters. Her hobby became her passion, which she imparted to patrons of Picardi Rebel, where she was the resident wine consultant, after which she compiled wine lists for restaurants.

She became Manager of the Cape Wine Academy in 1999, and major shareholder in 2005 when it became a private company and is now Managing Director of the Cape Wine Academy and a co-founding member of the Soweto Wine Festival.

Marilyn's role as Managing Director of the Cape Wine Academy, which was established in 1979, keeps her busy and away from home many days in the year. Her role includes running and overseeing the Gauteng and Cape Town offices whilst lecturing in courses for retailers in the liquor trade, tertiary institutions for Hospitality and Tourism, corporate functions and the general public.

Prior to her career in wine, Marilyn lived in Vereeniging and ran an advice office in Sebokeng, so it was a logical step to take her passion for wine into Soweto now that she lives in Johannesburg.

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