

Vinpro Foundation Quarterly Newsletter – April 2019

Greetings from the Vinpro Foundation - We hope that 2019 has been a good year thus far! It's difficult to believe that the first quarter of 2019 is already behind us.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new CEO, Caroline Poole, and our new board member, Soline Lippe de Thoisy.



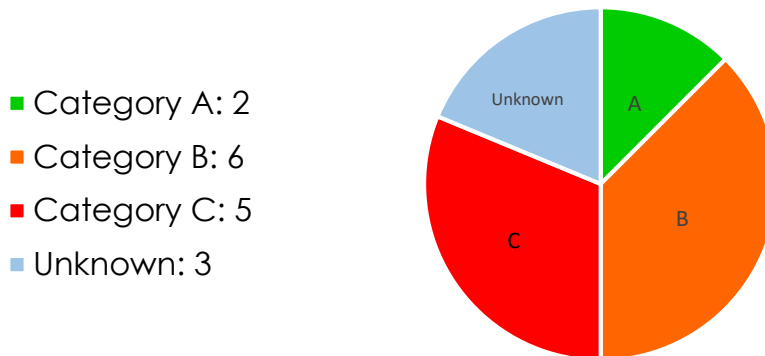
Left to right: Soline Lippe de Thoisy and Caroline Poole

Ethical Trade

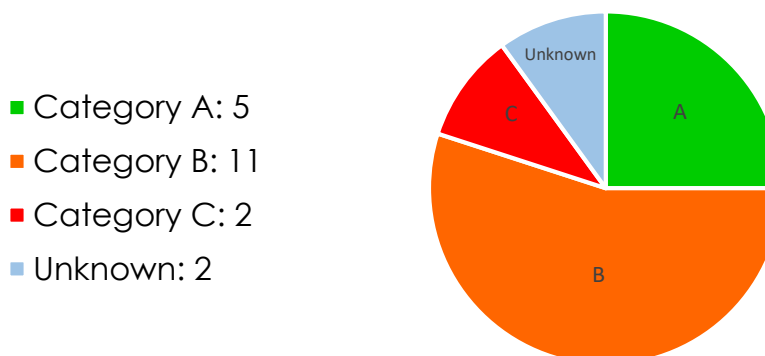
The Vinpro Foundation supports Vinpro producer members with a subsidy towards the wine and agricultural ethical trade association (WIETA) audit. We do this to support improved working and living conditions for farm workers and cellar assistants. We seek to achieve 100% total of the South African wine grape production ethically certified by 2025. The preliminary results of the 2018 production as at 6 March 2019, indicate that 60.75% of the total production is ethically certified by WIETA!

During the time period of 1 January 2019 – 31 March 2019 we received 36 claims. Below is a breakdown of the 36 claims we received indicating whether it is a first or second claim, and also which risk indicator category rating the applicants received on their WIETA certificate. Unknown represents the previous WIETA certificates that do not yet indicate a risk indicator category rating

**WIETA Audit Subsidy 1st Claim -
 Total 16**



**WIETA Audit Subsidy 2nd Claim -
 Total 20**



For more information on [WIETA's Ethical Performance Risk Matrix](#) and risk classification, visit the WIETA website or click on the above link.

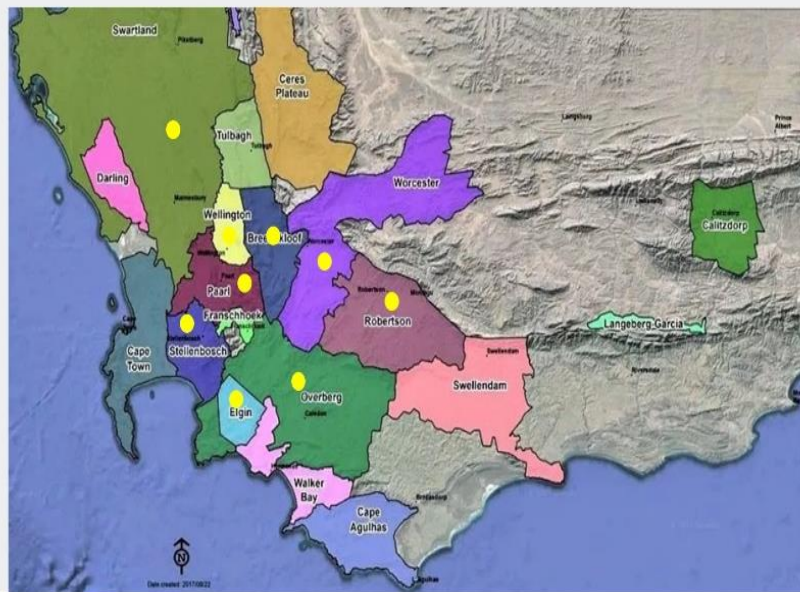
Harm Reduction and Early Childhood Development

During the period of 1 March 2016 – 31 December 2018, there were 6592 engagements with cellar workers and/or farm workers and residents and their families in the Robertson, Breedekloof and Perdeberg areas with social workers from the AWARE.Org Vinpro Foundation Wine Project

In November 2018, four additional areas were included in the project, namely Wellington, Stellenbosch & Somerset West, Malmesbury & Riebeeck Kasteel and Overberg & Hermanus, thereby increasing our project footprint in the wine industry and expanding our team of social workers to 8 people.

Delivering the change mechanism

- 1) Identify the **AREAS**
- = current project footprint



The main focus areas of the project and service are

- Alcohol/substance abuse
- Alcohol addiction
- Binge drinking and related social issues.

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These areas are addressed during group and/or individual counselling as well as during group information sessions. The social workers also monitor the crèche and aftercare facilities and provide the facilitators with training.



Our amazing group of Social Workers
From top, left to right:

Greta – Paarl & Perdeberg

Annanda – Breedekloof

Malinda – Robertson & Ashton

Liana – Project Co-Ordinator

Karin – Wellington

Devon – Riebeek Kasteel & Malmesbury

Prudence – Overberg & Hermanus

Eunice (absent) – Stellenbosch & Somerset West

Has your farm/cellar signed up to join the AWARE.Org Vinpro Foundation Wine Project?

There is no cost towards the services for producers! All that is required from the producer is to set time aside for their employees during working hours (and not in lieu of their lunch hour) to attend individual and/or group counselling.

Sign up, and together we can be the change, #BecausePeopleMatter!

If you would like to sign up to the AWARE.Org Vinpro Foundation Wine Project, or require more information on the project, please send an email to info@vinprofoundation.org.za or call +27 21 276 0500.

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Leadership & Skills

Last year the Vinpro Foundation funded 7 students to study The Business of Wine course at UCT's Graduate School of Business. 6 of the 7 students successfully completed the course. This year we are proud to announce that we have awarded 6 bursaries for The Business of Wine course. Applications to this course close 26 April 2019. If you would like further information on this course follow this link - <https://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/wine>

We are proud to announce that 6 of our tertiary bursary recipients graduated in 2018, ranging from undergrad graduation till Masters Degrees! Look out for our 360 story about one of our graduates and funders on our website – www.vinprofoundation.org.za



Our PYDA bursary recipients also graduated at the end of 2018. These students formed part of a group who can boast with a 98% pass rate, of which 77% of these students had secured employment by graduation!

13 Tertiary bursaries were awarded in 2018. These recipients are studying at Stellenbosch University; University of the Free State; CPUT and Elsenburg at either undergrad or postgrad level.

If you would like more information on our bursaries, or on how to apply send an email to info@vinprofoundation.org.za

2018 saw 1509 people attend the Viticulture training courses presented by Vinpro. These courses are subsidised by the Vinpro Foundation. There are 10 different courses that can be attended namely Vineyard Establishment; Pruning; Identification of Pests and Diseases; Irrigation; Vine Development; Canopy Management; Soil Management; Fertilisation; Harvesting and Soil Science. These courses are presented in both English and Afrikaans.



For more information on these courses or how to register send an email to training@vinpro.co.za. Courses for 2019 start from May, and registrations are already open.

For any queries on our programmes, or how we, as a reliable investment vehicle, can assist your business to meet its Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) targets specifically in the Socio-Economic Development (SED), Skills Development (SD) and Enterprise Development (ED) elements, send an email to info@vinprofoundation.org.za or call +27 (0)21 276 0500.

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