



On Friday the 26 of July, we had the immense privilege of welcoming François Pienaar, the Captain of the 1995 South African rugby team, his friends and family as well as distinguished guests to Marianne Wine Estate for the launch of the Desirade 2015 cuvée François Pienaar.

Below, the #MarianneDreamTeam all dressed in green and gold, ready to welcome the guests.



The evening started in the cellar, where the guests were welcomed with a glass of MCC and to the music of harpist Lisa Britz. Welcome to Marianne !



The **EENDRAG** Accapela Group welcomed the guests in the tasting room with their enchanted performance before the dinner prepared by Chef Tiaan, was served.



A FEW SPEECHES...

Soline, the General Manager of Marianne Wine Estate and our guest of honour said a few words about the collaboration between François and the farm, from the choice of the wine to the design of the label. François talked about what a glass of wine means to him : a simple and genuine celebration of friends, family and life. Then the winemaker Jos Van Wyk presented the Desirade 2015 which was served to all guests.



A NIGHT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Marianne and François, with the precious support of Jean Vincent Ridon, teamed up to raise funds for the benefit of the NGO Cap Sportif. More than R 12 000 were collected in the auction, the funds will be used to promote sport initiatives for the children of Langa. Below : the generous winning bidders and the directors of Le Cap Sportif.



We also had the pleasure to welcome journalists of the *Daily Maverick*, some sommeliers, representants of BLACC... We would like to thank all of them and we hope you enjoyed your time at Marianne.





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