

## ALLESVERLOREN OPENS A NEW TASTING CENTRE IN AN HISTORIC BUILDING ON THE FARM

The Allesverloren Wine Estate has opened a new tasting centre in one of the oldest buildings on the farm. The early 19<sup>th</sup> century building was constructed from stone and clay, sections of which can be seen behind glass frames at the entrance. The building originally housed the farm manager but was later used as a stable, a grain store and then a pig sty! The original silo has been converted into exquisite toilet facilities.

The original dung-smeared floor has been replaced by a floor covering of cork and glue, which looks the same but requires none of the upkeep. A large stoep and pergola have been built in front of the shop and provide a breathtaking view of the Riebeek Valley with the majestic Witzenberg Mountains in the distance. The building is generally recognised as one of the oldest in the Riebeek Valley.

It is fitting that this building be renovated this year, as it is also the year in which the Allesverloren Wine Estate celebrates 200 years of winemaking.

To commemorate this historic event, two OPERA BANQUET DINNERS will be presented in the barn on the Estate in collaboration with the La Masseria Italian Restaurant Durbanville on 5 and 6 May 2006 at 19:00. Several well-known opera singers will perform during a genuine Italian meal. This will form part of the Riebeek Valley Olive Festival, which is held every year on the first weekend in May. It is essential to book and pay for the dinner (R150 per person). To do so please phone 022 461 2320.