



TIM HUTCHINSON RECOGNISED AS “LIVING LEGEND”

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At the annual Veritas Awards evening at the Cape Town International Convention Centre on Saturday evening, Tim Hutchinson was recognised as a “Living Legend”, alongside Johann Rupert and Philip Jordaan,

Tim thanked and paid tribute to the DGB team for this recognition as without all of you this would not have been possible. “I really appreciate this accolade, and it is wonderful to receive recognition from my peers in the industry. Awards like this pay tribute to the amazing role the DGB team has played in contributing towards the growth and development of the industry, both locally and internationally”.

Veritas, South Africa’s longest running wine and brandy competition, initiated the “Living Legends” award in 2009 to honour those who have served the wine industry over the years; to acknowledge their commitment and pay homage to their significant contributions to the industry.

Tim’s career in wine began 39 years ago when he joined Douglas Green of Paarl. Over his extensive career alongside such a driven and dynamic team DGB has become South Africa’s leading premium wine producer.

The long-term commitment to our strategy of driving the premium sector of South African wine, and under Tim's leadership, we have invested in significant vineyard properties in some of the most unique and sought after terroir in South Africa. Our vineyard sites are carefully selected and include a particular focus on the 130 hectares in the Helderberg in Stellenbosch as well as fine white wine vineyards in Elgin. True to our innovative paradigm we are also the only growers in the Bamboes Bay and the Koo Plateau wards. Today DGB works with 317 different vineyard blocks and 71 different grower partners across 24 varieties and we are the largest producer of wine from Certified Heritage Vineyards.

Now with offices in the UK, Holland, Germany, Canada, USA, Hong Kong and Dubai the DGB of today has been completely transformed from the Douglas Green of Paarl Tim joined at the start of his career. These international offices were established with the vision to create a permanent presence for our brands amongst buyers and consumers in the over 90 countries we export to.

These years of working the global market culminated in DGB being awarded the "Best South African Producer" at the worlds largest wine trade fair, Prowein, by Mundus Vini for the 3rd year running.



photographed at the awards ceremony: Heinie Nel, Jacques Viljoen, Tim Hutchinson, Paul Farmer, Stephan Joubert, Renaldo Fourie, Alicia Rechner

Tim has always been fully committed to the environment and this is reflected in DGB being an industry leader in quality standards and

environmental initiatives with all of our wines being IPW and WIETA certified. Today, we are the only drinks business in South Africa which have the "Big 5" quality accreditations, have the largest solar installation in the Cape Winelands, have 3 bio-reactor water treatment plants, our own bamboo farm in the Eastern Cape which offsets carbon emissions, are a shareholder in "The Glass Recycling Company" and have successfully made Backsberg the first fully verified Carbon Neutral winery in South Africa by PAS 2060:2014.

This is supported by our long-term commitment to transformation, empowerment and community upliftment which is evident in our Level 4 B-BBEEE contributor status. The multiple benefactors of the DGB charitable trust, which has a clear bias to formative childhood development initiatives in specific underprivileged and economically depressed communities where we operate, are as much a part of our responsibility as the fine wines we produce.

Over the span of over 39 years Tim has helped build DGB into a market leader within the fine wine landscape in a sustainable, responsible and ethical way.

Cheers and a heartfelt congratulations Tim!