



■ The Durbanville Wine Valley Association held a Merlot, soup and bread pairing on Friday May 14, in preparation for the annual soup, sip and bread event, coming up on Sunday June 6. Enjoying the exotic soups, bread and wine, were, from left, Jacus Marais, of Nitida, and Elzanne du Preez and Mark Wassung, both of De Grendel.

# Soup, sip and bread

CARMEN LE ROUX

With the onset of winter, Durbanville wine farms have started preparing for the annual soup, sip and bread event which will take place at various wine farms in the Durbanville wine valley on Sunday June 6.

The cultivar labelled as Durbanville's signature winter wine, is Merlot and at a soup, bread and merlot pairing held at Meerendal on Friday May 14, Durbanville Hills red wine maker, Wilhelm Coetzee, gave a short description of this delicate cultivar.

"Merlot is known as an elegant

wine, but that doesn't translate into it lacking body or taste. A Merlot lingers after you've drunk it, has a silky texture and leans towards red fruit flavours. It's a lively, fresh wine," he said.

While guests could enjoy tasting exotic soups such as black bean and chilli and biltong and blue cheese soup with various breads and Merlots, those who can't take a warm plate of food for granted this winter were not forgotten. Wine farms in the area have committed to donating a pot of soup to the homeless every week this winter.

For more information about the event, go to [www.durbanvillewine.co.za](http://www.durbanvillewine.co.za)



■ Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development Jeff Radebe and American Consul General, Dr Alberta Mayberry unveiled a plaque on Monday May 3, to open the new Thuthuzela Care Centre at the Karl Bremer Hospital in Bellville. The centre provides support for victims of rape and gender violence.

# Victim support centre opened at Karl Bremer

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, Jeff Radebe, opened a USAID-sponsored centre for victims of rape and other forms of gender violence at Karl Bremer Hospital in Bellville on Monday May 3.

Mr Radebe hailed the new centre as groundbreaking and said it would help to slowly but surely put an end to the abuse of women and children" in South

Africa.

The Thuthuzela Care Centre (TCC) in Bellville is the 25th of its kind in the country, and the ninth built with USAID's support.

TCCs work with police stations, NGOs, courts and hospitals to provide direct services to victims of violence.

US Consul General, Dr Alberta Mayberry, who attended the

ceremony, thanked Advocate Thoko Majokweni and her team for their leadership and commitment to this project. She also saluted the National Prosecuting Authority's Sexual Offences and Community Affairs (SCOA) Unit.

"Only through partnership can we defeat the scourge of violence against women and children," Dr Mayberry said.

■ Rugby personality Rob Louw, from Durbanville, and his daughter Roxy, visited cancer patients at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital on Monday May 3. Rob does motivational speaking to offer support, inspiration and encouragement to cancer patients. He survived an aggressive malevolent skin cancer himself in 2009. Here Rob and Roxy are pictured with patient, JP Barnard.



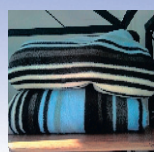
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