

2010 Indaba Scholarship Recipient Named

Cape Classics is pleased to announce that the eighth Indaba scholarship has been awarded to Arlene Mains, a student in Viticulture and Oenology at Stellenbosch University. Funded by the global sales of Cape Classics' Indaba wine brand, the scholarships are offered annually to aspiring winemakers, viticulturists and wine marketers from communities historically excluded from holding senior positions in the wine industry. Mzokhona Mvemve, the first recipient of the Indaba Scholarship, became one of South Africa's first qualified black African winemakers after graduating from Stellenbosch University in 2003.



Indaba scholar Arlene Mains

Through hard work, dedication and perseverance, the latest Indaba scholarship recipient was able to overcome a disadvantaged background. Mains credits her parents for helping her to attain her goals thus far: "In the same manner in which grapes are nourished by their foundations, so my aspirations and standards have stemmed from the love received from my parents." She dreams of someday becoming an acclaimed winemaker, recognized not only for her commitment to quality wine production, but also for giving back to the community.

Cape Classics is working closely with Stellenbosch University senior faculty and advisors to expand the Indaba scholarship parameters and increase the pool of candidates. "We really want to shift the focus to be more about career coaching and life skills development, in addition to monetary funding," says Cape Classics Senior Vice President Molly Choi. "We aim to stay in close contact with our students while they are at university for mentorship and support, and to assist them in their chosen careers when we are able."

Erna Witbooi, a doctoral candidate in Viticulture, continues to receive the Indaba scholarship she was awarded in 2008 for her post-graduate studies at the University of Stellenbosch. Cape Classics and Indaba are thrilled to support two bright young women as they pursue their career goals in South Africa's wine industry.

