

More international glory as Van Ryn's Distillery claims yet another award

The Best Distillery Tour in the world is on your doorstep at the Van Ryn's Distillery in Stellenbosch – this according to judges at the 2015 Distillery Experience Awards.

Around the world, tourists visit distilleries while on holiday in search of unique cultural experiences, and with brandy's long history in South Africa – it was brought here in the 1800s by Dutch sailors – there is much to tell, culminating in recent awards for Van Ryn's such as Best Worldwide Brandy and International Brandy Producer of the Year.

The Best Distillery Tour award celebrates the effectiveness of thoughtful distillery tours. Judges were in search of the most innovative tour that offers tourists an educational and memorable experience into the production and distillation of spirits.

Judges commented that the Van Ryn's team was clearly proud of their work. "They are obviously very focused on what they are doing and work hard to deliver it well. It is an impressive tour and great visitor numbers show that they offer visitors something quite different and interesting – such as the cooperage and the presentation on how barrels are put together. The tour also integrates well with other attractions on site. (Van Ryn's)... offers informative and rich content delivered in an interesting way."

Van Ryn's brand home manager Fre-Nay Brown said the award was fantastic news. "The team is extremely dedicated to creating a memorable and entertaining experience and we hope this award will encourage locals who have not yet visited us, to come and try our premium brandies, learn about the magic of distillation and discover for themselves why South African brandies are world-class."

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Note to editors:

The Van Ryn's Brand home, at Van Ryn Road, Vlottenberg, Stellenbosch has the following opening hours:

Tastings

Mondays - Fridays 09:00 to 18:00 (17:00 May to September)

Saturday - 09:00 - 16:00

Sunday - 11:00 - 16:00 (October to April only)

Distillery tours:

Monday - Friday 10:00, 11:30, 15:00

Saturdays - 10:00, 11:30, 13:00

No tours on Sunday

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