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**TO AUTHORS of**

**SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNAL OF ENOLOGY AND VITICULTURE (SAJEV)**

**Important notice regarding the new submission platform**

As from the **1<sup>st</sup> of April 2016**, all manuscripts submitted to the South African Journal of Enology and Viticulture (SAJEV) has to be uploaded online at the following website:

<http://www.journals.ac.za/index.php/sajev>

After a lengthy discussion, the Board of the South African Society for Enology and Viticulture (SASEV), host of the South African Journal of Enology and Viticulture (SAJEV), decided to move the Journal from the Manuscript Central (Scholar One) submission platform to the SUNJournals platform. This will take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2016. All manuscripts that have been submitted to SAJEV through the Manuscript Central platform, and that have been accepted for publication, will be transferred to the SUNJournals platform before the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2016. Manuscript currently under review will be handled online up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and then off-line to ensure a smooth transition process to the new submission platform. All efforts are being made to keep the reviewing process during transfer to the new platform as short as possible. The transfer of manuscripts will be done with the least inconvenience to authors and readers of SAJEV.

Moving of SAJEV to SUNJournals holds several advantages. The biggest advantage is better control over the publication rate. From now on, manuscripts that have been accepted for publication will immediately be sent for final editing and page layout. Page proofs will be sent out much quicker and articles will be available on the internet as first online prints within two weeks (provided there are no major corrections) after the corresponding author returned the page proofs to the Editor. Each manuscript then receives a DOI number the author(s) may use as a reference. Page numbers are allocated to papers as soon as the required number of manuscripts (12 to 15) had been received to fill a volume. As soon as a volume number is allocated, the volume and page numbers of each paper will be listed on the SUNJournals website and will be available on internet. Although SAJEV will be published online, a few hard copies of each edition will still be printed.

The Editorial Board will be expanded to include international assistant editors and the Board will be updated on the SAJEV and SASEV websites.

The link to SUNJournals (<http://www.journals.ac.za/index.php/sajev>) will be made available on the SASEV website (<http://www.sasev.org>). The Guide to Authors, published with each volume, will be amended and will also be available on the SAJEV and SASEV websites.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all who have made contributions to SAJEV and look forward to the continuous support, and submission of research papers, notes and reviews of high quality.

Yours sincerely

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