

## **WINE PRODUCERS GO GREEN**

WINE aficionados are getting on the “going green” bandwagon.

Columbit Corks have announced a landmark initiative by introducing the use of the Spekboom shrub in place of cork, and at the same time reducing their wine clients’ carbon footprint.

Spekboom is said to be South Africa’s own “carbon absorbing super-plant”. It can store up to four tons of carbon per hectare per year, putting it in the same category as subtropical forest.

The decision to change is in line with Columbit fulfilling its obligations under the United Nations Global Compact initiative.

Columbit collaborated with the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry’s Working for Water Programme and Spekboom specialists R3G to enable extra funding to plant more trees.– *Citizen Reporter.*