Vinochem (a company that supplies yeast and enzymes to the South African wine industry) visits the final year students at Elsenburg annually to give a brief talk on what they do. They have a partnership with AB Mauri in Australia and recently a guest speaker, Dr Anthony Heinrich from Australia, was invited to talk to the students about various yeasts.

The evening kicked off with a fascinating presentation in the Loft which the students thoroughly enjoyed. It was great to see their high level of concentration after a Viticulture test of 90 minutes just before the presentation!

Thereafter everyone enjoyed a steak braai that was organised by Vinochem. The students interacted with key role-players in the industry in a relaxed environment. Business cards were exchanged, South-African-Australian rugby and cricket jokes made and everyone agreed it was a very successful evening.

In addition Vinochem donated some of their yeast and nutrients for the 2014 harvest.

Lorraine Geldenhuyys from the Faculty: Viticulture and Oenology at the College expressed her appreciation to Vinochem for their contribution in helping to build the quality of winemakers educated at Elsenburg.

“It was a truly memorable evening that we will cherish,” she said.