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De Goree Farming - BEE at work

At the recent AgriBEE conference in Cape Town, De Goree Farming was awarded a certificate as the BEE project that most effectively embraces the philosophy of AgriBee.

De Goree Farming is a LRAD Equity scheme between Van Loveren cellars and the Van Loveren farmworkers. A 136ha farm, De Goree, was purchased, and is being administered by representatives of a democratically elected farmworker trust and the Retief cousins of Van Loveren. The grapes produced on the farm is delivered to Van Loveren Cellar.

Empowerment, development and the training of the participants in the scheme is integral to the project and its success. This scheme benefits 182 individuals.

The Department of Agriculture: Western Cape assisted with establishment of the vineyards, planning and implementation of irrigation systems, and also provided training to the beneficiaries of the scheme.

At a recent function at De Goree, Mr Cobus Dowry, MEC for Agriculture Western Cape, said: 'Education is the great engine of personal development. It is what we make out of what we have in ourselves, not what we are given, that separates one person from another.'

