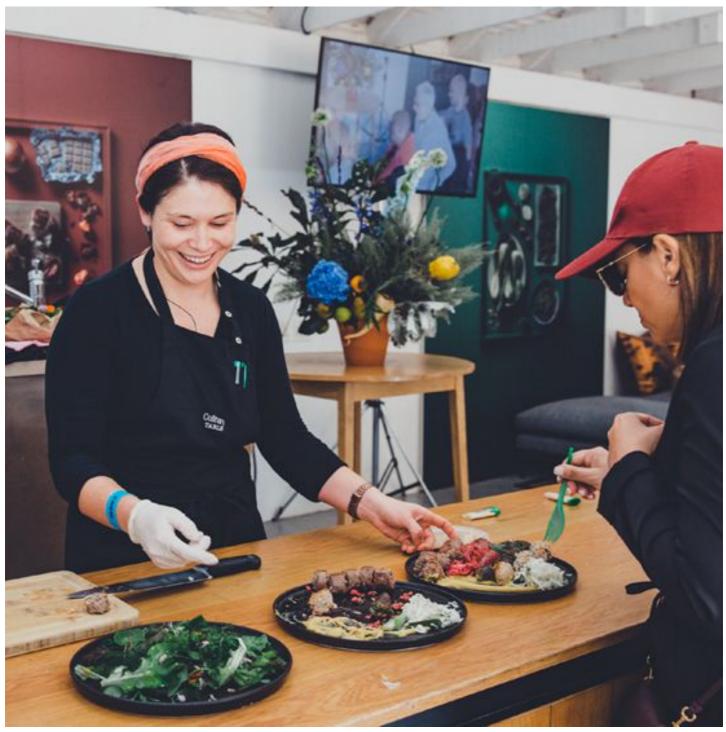
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Celebrating the best of South African wine, food and art at the home of humankind

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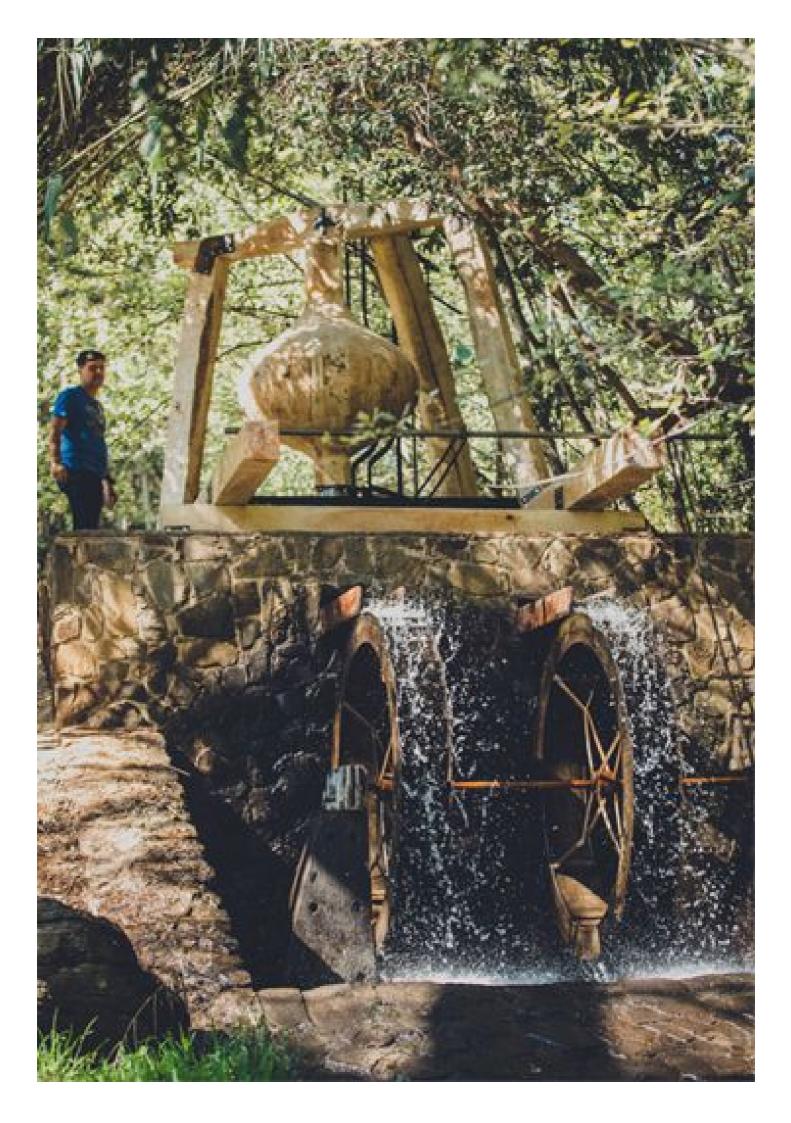
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Nirox Foundation Sculpture Park came alive as it was filled with friends and families coming together to enjoy the largerthan-life art displays along with the picturesque views. The American Express Winter Sculpture Fair saw a crowd of 5,000 visitors descending upon Nirox Foundation Sculpture Park over the two days of Mother's Day weekend.



American Express award-winning chef Daniela Gutstadt during a live gourmet kitchen cooking demonstration. Photo credit: MRSK Visuals





South African artist Richard Forbes' sculpture, The Synesthesia of Water. Photo credit: MRSK Visuals

The seventh edition of the American Express Winter Sculpture Fair saw American Express continue its collaboration with Artlogic to create an enchanting art-infused escape from city life. Here fair-goers were treated to 22 wineries and 13 restaurants from the Franschhoek Valley.

For American Express Cardmembers, the weekend was filled with many perks such as the exclusive gourmet kitchen live demonstration experience with award-winning chefs, Daniela Gutstadt and Christiaan Campbell.

The centerpiece of the fair was the exhibition titled, Power of Site, which was curated in collaboration with Lorena Guillén Vaschetti of Argentina and Adam Jeppesen from Denmark.

Inspired by the park's location a stone's throw from the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site where a spark created the first controlled fire, the curators have assembled 17 artists from across the globe who created works which explore and reflect upon the sources, control, sustenance and sharing of the energy which underpins and dominates existence.

South African artist, Richard Forbes' artwork was an overall highlight for many. The work, *The Synesthesia of Water*, used the flow and force of water to shape the final object, a spinning top. The artwork was made to evoke the memory of invention and awaken curiosity about our relationship with nature.

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