



Huge Early Harvest for South Africa Orchard

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Whilst a heatwave hits large parts of the northern hemisphere, it's winter truffle season in the south.

Last weekend, one of our Southern African truffle orchards was checked by Leon Potgieter and the results were very promising. This site, at around 2Ha and just 5.5 years old, uses a range of tree host species and MSL technology. During the first 'hunt' a total of 40 black winter truffles were found including one 380g monster (pictured) worth around £700! In addition, remains of some much larger truffles were also found and the site will now be regularly hunted.

We have some great projects in South Africa, headed-up by Mr Potgieter, and a number of plantations are now in production with a total of three different truffle species - the black winter Périgord truffle (*tuber melanosporum*), the summer truffle (*tuber aestivum*) and the whitish spring truffle (*tuber borchii*). Production at 5 years is young for a plantation but these results again highlight the importance of checking your trees for signs of truffles from quite early on. The habitats that support both the black winter truffle and the UK's native summer truffle, have declined rapidly in the wild, which is why cultivation is so important. If you would like to know more about purchasing truffle trees of any number, to see how our partnership scheme works or have any other question around cultivating truffles then please email us using the contact form and we'll be happy to help.

We are seeking partners in the UK and around the world.



Truffle Farmer and Dog with Mr Potgieter and the 380g truffle in South Africa



The monster 380g truffle worth around £700



A very happy farmer with his 380g early truffle find!