

2021 CHAMPIONSHIP BOEREWORS COMPETITION – AN OVERVIEW



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Shoprite and Checkers are proud of the country's boerewors tradition and celebrate it by presenting the annual Championship Boerewors competition. For the past 29 years, the two supermarket chains have embarked on a nationwide search for South Africa's very best boerewors - creating a legacy of quality, taste and trust.

Over the years the Championship Boerewors title has been held by South Africans from all walks of life, from housewives to butchery managers to an 18-year-old student, and even by a (then) 13-year-old primary school learner.

The Championship Boerewors competition started as an internal competition in 1993 with only Shoprite or Checkers employees permitted to participate. The country's best boerewors recipe can however only be found if all South Africans are allowed to participate, thus the competition was opened to the public in 2001.

TRADITIONAL BOEREWORS

Recipes entered into the Championship Boerewors competition must adhere to the guidelines for making traditional boerewors:



GUIDELINES

1. Traditional boerewors must contain at least 90 percent meat - always containing beef, as well as lamb or pork or a mixture of lamb and pork and the fat content of the meat mixture may not exceed 30%.
2. The distinctive combinations of spices like coriander, cloves, nutmeg and black pepper as well as fluids like vinegar, water and Worcestershire sauce are what differentiates boerewors from other variants.
3. Recipes may not contain bacon, chutney, cheese, peri-peri, curry, tomato sauce, peppadews®, green pepper, parmesan, Aromat®, chilli, garlic, ginger, cinnamon, paprika, whole peppercorns, green and pink peppercorns, lemon, soya, mustard, kidney fat, alcohol and venison.

JUDGING

The culinary experts at the South African Chefs Association (SACA) will once again take charge of the judging process to ensure that all entries are authentic and adhere to the guidelines for making truly traditional boerewors.

The food experts who will be judging the 2021 final are:

- **Carmen Niehaus** - Freelance food editor and food stylist, and author of more than 25 cookbooks.
- **James Khoza** - Executive Chef at the Sandton Sun Hotel and President of SACA.
- **Martin Kobald** - Award-winning chef, vice president at World Association of Chefs Societies and honorary past president of SACA.
- **Zanele van Zyl** - Chef, food stylist, recipe developer, published author, founder of *Cooking with Zanele* cooking classes and Shoprite's Brand Ambassador.
- **Zola Nene** - SA's beloved celebrity TV chef, Eat Out restaurant editor, published author and Checkers Brand Ambassador.

2021 COMPETITION AT A GLANCE

The nationwide search for South Africa's best boerewors recipe kicked off in May 2021 with thousands of hopeful entrants submitting their traditional boerewors recipes.

All entries went through a validation process to ensure that the recipes adhered to the regulations governing the composition of boerewors. Once validated, the experienced judges from the South African Chefs Association (SACA) commenced with paper judging to select the 30 best recipes. From there a rigorous judging and tasting process followed and the contestants were whittled down to 10.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, this year's finale is again largely a virtual affair. The top 10 finalists will be joining remotely to oversee the preparation of their boerewors by chefs Kevin Gibbs and Dion Vengatass, member of the South African National Culinary Team who won three bronze medals at the Culinary Olympics in Stuttgart, Germany in February 2020.

All results are audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to ensure fairness throughout the competition.

PRIZE

The top 10 are all vying for the grand prize which includes the coveted title of 2021 Championship Boerewors winner, the honour of having their boerewors sold in Shoprite and Checkers stores nationwide and a Toyota Fortuner 2.4 GD-6 4X2 6AT. The winner's boerewors will be available in-stores from 10 September 2021.

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MEET THE 2021 FINALISTS



Adriaan Marx (50) from Somerset West, Western Cape, is a self-employed business developer. He is a first-time entrant in the Championship Boerewors competition.



Chris Roodt (43) from Cradock, Eastern Cape, is a Regional Meat Market Manager at Shoprite in the Eastern Cape Division. He has entered the competition more than five times before.



Delano Jasper (19) from Wellington, Western Cape, is a second-year BEd-student at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) and the 2020 winner of the Championship Boerewors competition.



Fredrika Trollip (57) from White River, Mpumalanga, is a manager at Spectank. She has entered the competition more than five times before.



Marius Maritz (41) from Bloemfontein, Free State, is a Regional Meat Market Manager at Shoprite in the Free State Division. He has entered the competition more than 12 times before, but this is the furthest he has come.



Robin Jaar (30) from Paarl, Western Cape, is a waitress at Bean in Love. She is a first-time entrant and has never made boerewors before entering this year's Championship Boerewors competition.



Sanele Cele (26) from KwaMashu, KwaZulu-Natal, is a Meat Technician at Checkers Kwadukuza. He has entered the competition thrice before, but this is the furthest he has come.



Vikash Bachu (38) from Ladysmith, KwaZulu-Natal, is a Regional Meat Market Manager at Shoprite in the KwaZulu-Natal Division. He has entered the competition more than 12 times before, but this is the first time he has made it into the top 10.



Xavier Blaauw (14) from Wellington, Western Cape, is a Grade 8 learner at Hugenote High School in Wellington. He is a first-time entrant and has never made boerewors before entering this year's Championship Boerewors competition. He is the younger brother of Delano Jasper, last year's winner, and son of Yvonne Blaauw, the 2018 Championship Boerewors winner.



Yolande Coleske (48) from Kariega, Eastern Cape, is a mother and housewife. She is not new to the Championship Boerewors competition and has entered more than 15 times before.