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Versailles Liquor Store

Tienie Malan and his wife, Elmine Malan, developed a few companies together (Hawekwa Bottling, Hawekwa Liquor Store and the Versailles Farm). The name Hawekwa Bottling/Bottelering and Hawekwa Liquor Store/Drankwinkel is as legendary as their founders, Tienie and Elmine Malan. In communication with our clients, we don't use our heritage names to avoid confusion, so in our marketing channels we decided to refer to the Versailles Group (Versailles Bottling and Versailles Liquors).

Tienie Malan, along with his four cousins, started Hawekwa Drankwinkel/Liquor Store in 1961, making it one of the oldest shops in Wellington. Over time, the cousins lost interest and Tienie and Elmine decided to continue with the business, so they bought them out one by one. The Hawekwa Drankwinkel/Liquor Store was famous for providing clients with quality products at affordable prices.

Apart from farming, running other companies and being the Mayor of Wellington, Tienie would always make time to check up on Hawekwa. Upon his arrival, the Hawekwa "stoep-sitters" (people sitting in front of Hawekwa) would flock to greet "Oom Tienie" because he was famous for reaching for his pockets to hand out lost coins before getting close to the entrance. This tradition and love for people still continues with his daughter, Annareen Malan, who does the same thing when visiting Hawekwa.

Thanks to Tienie, who was very much involved in the wine and farming industry, Hawekwa Drankwinkel/Liquor Store is one of the very few liquor shops that received a special, off-consumption licence. This enabled us to buy, bottle and sell wine over the counter, and it was here that the business idea for Hawekwa Bottling/Bottelering was born.

Today, 60 years later, Hawekwa Drankwinkel/Liquor Store is still going strong. It is part of the fabric of our community, and we hope to grow this shop into one of the historic 'must-stop shops' in Wellington.



Tienie Malan in Hawekwa Drankwinkel/Liquor Store.