

a vineyard tour



KLEIN CONSTANTIA



Sought after by the aristocracy of 18th and 19th century Europe, favoured by Napoleon and praised in the novels of Dickens and Jane Austen, some of the legendary Constantia wines originated in the vineyards of Klein (little) Constantia.

Redevelopment in the 1980's of this family-owned estate, plus site-specific plantings, contributed to its renaissance as a premium wine producer.

Vines enjoy the gentle maritime climate of the narrow Cape Peninsula and all wines are grown, made and bottled on the estate.

MEERLUST ESTATE



Long recognized for producing world-class wines, Meerlust Estate has been the pride of the Myburgh family since 1756. Today, the traditional dedication to the art of winemaking continues under the guidance of Hannes Myburgh, eighth generation custodian of this seventeenth-century national monument.

Meerlust, with its historic manor house, classic wine cellar, family cemetery, dovecote and bird sanctuary is situated 15km south of Stellenbosch. The Estate is uniquely positioned for the production of wines with exceptional complexity and character. In the summer-time, ocean breezes and evening mists roll in from the coast to cool the vineyards. 110 Hectares are planted with varieties such as Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Pinot Noir.

SIMONSIG



The pursuit of wine excellence knows no boundaries at Simonsig Estate, the legendary Stellenbosch landmark where family tradition and innovation have fuelled four decades of quality winemaking. Named after the awe-inspiring views of the Simonsberg, Simonsig is blessed with a moderate maritime climate and quintessential terroir that effortlessly imparts its distinct quality to all our wines.

Simonsig pioneered many South African innovations, including the first Méthode Cap Classique fondly known as Kaapse Vonkel. Founded by the patriarch Frans Malan in 1953, Simonsig is one of the country's most awarded cellars today. South Africa's Top Shiraz producer, Woman Winemaker of the Year 2005 and four ABSA Top Ten Pinotage triumphs are just some of their many accomplishments.

A visit to this unique working cellar, enhanced by daily wine tastings, fine country fare in the signature restaurant, Cuvée, a ceremonial sabrage and true Cape hospitality, make for an authentic wine experience.

WARWICK ESTATE



Warwick wine estate was known as the farm 'Good Success' from 1791 until 1902. After the Anglo Boer war, Colonel Alexander Gordon from Warwickshire regiment bought the farm and renamed it 'Warwick' as a tribute to his regiment.

In 1964 the farm was purchased by Stan & Norma Ratcliffe, at the time there was not a single vine on the farm. They realized the potential of the terroir and began planting Cabernet Sauvignon. Soon a cellar was in place and the first Warwick vintage was released in 1984 (a Cabernet Sauvignon).

The Trilogy, since 1986, a Bordeaux style blend soon became one of the flagships of the South African Wine Industry.

The farm today is still very much a family affair. In 2001, their son, Mike, assumed the role of Managing Director.

WATERFORD ESTATE

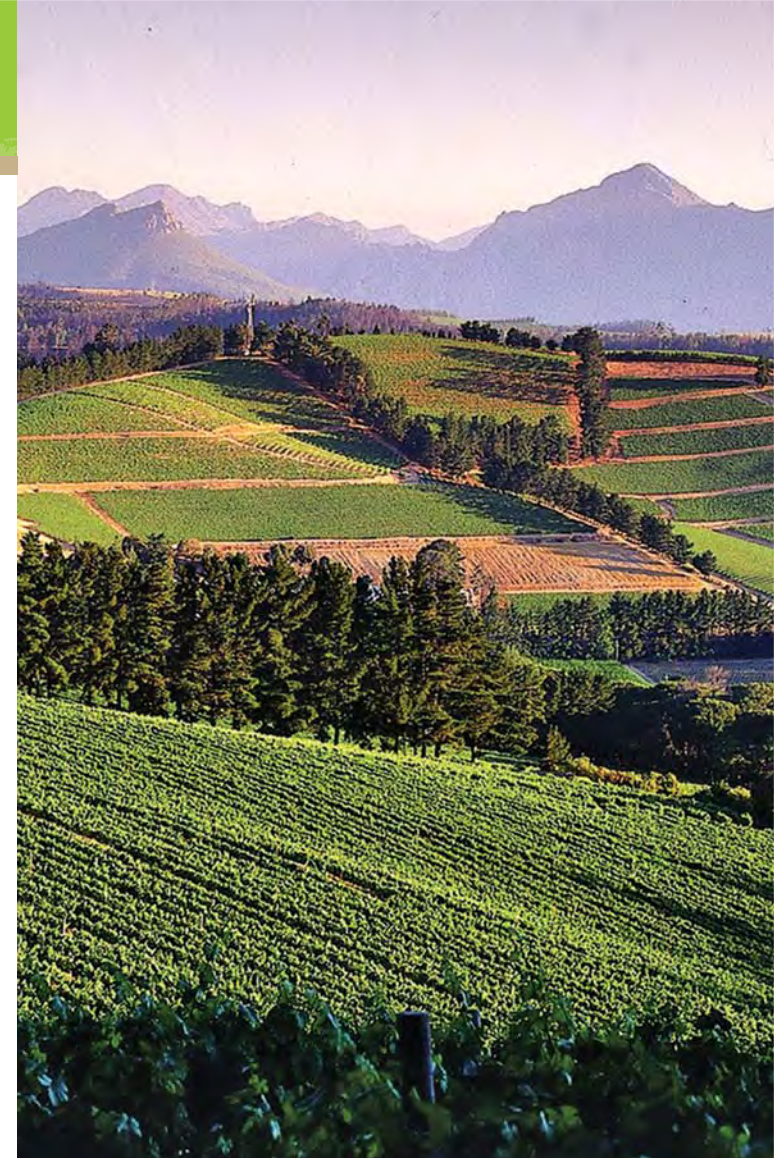


The Company Waterford Wines (Pty) Ltd was formed by the acquisition of 120Ha of prime Stellenbosch vineyard land by Jeremy & Leigh Ord in April of 1998.

Winemaker, Kevin Arnold, planned the building of a new winery, as well as the redevelopment of the orchards and vineyards. He is now assisted by Francois Haasbroek, who joined us in 2004.

Waterford's ultimate goal is to achieve a single Stellenbosch brand of red wine, the quality and character of which should be able to stand up to the best red wines of the other top red wine regions of the world.

The varieties planted under the watchful eye of vineyard manager Lombard Loubser include Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Mourvèdre, Barbera, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Sangiovesi.



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