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# TIMELESS FAVOURITE WINE FARMS

South Africa is one of the most exciting wine regions in the world, with critics and consumers growing ever more excited about the quality, drinkability and affordability of its incredible wines. We have listed a few of our favourites but wine, like food taste is subjective so we suggest chat to your guide to ensure you visit the wineries that speak to your palate.

## Stellenbosch & Helderberg

### **Backsberg Estate**

**\*Kosher wines**

The philosophy of Backsberg remains rooted in providing pleasure and enjoyment to a broad range of wine lovers by producing wines with not only structure and finesse, but also a high level of “drinkability”.

*Wine tip: They have a wide selection of wines to suit all tastes and pockets, including kosher wines. Klein Babylons Toren is a Bordeaux blend.*

### **Cavalli Wine Estate**

Offering award-winning wine, cuisine, design, architecture, indigenous gardens and art, Cavalli Estate has rapidly gained recognition as a South African lifestyle brand.

*Wine tip: Try the flagship Cremello (white blend) and Warlord (Bordeaux blend)*

### **DeMorgenzon Stellenbosch**

Combining small winery elements with a private and personal tasting area, you can listen to Baroque music wafting through the vineyards 24/7 because here they believe that the power of music positively influences the ripening process.

*Wine tip: Their Chenin Blanc is highly rated*

### **Meerlust Wine Estate**

One of the most illustrious names in South African winemaking, this estate dates back to 1756 and is a national monument.

*Wine tip: Don't leave without tasting the iconic Meerlust Rubicon red.*



### **Marianne Wine Estate**

The boutique winery Marianne Wine Estate in Stellenbosch is a hidden gem. It is a winery with distinction for the finer things with a French twist.

*Wine tip: Their Cabernet Sauvignon and Desirade (a Bordeaux blend are definite must-tries*

### **Spier Wine Farm**



Perfect for the entire family, this eco-estate offers a wide range of activities and dining options for kids and adults.

*Wine tip: Try their premium 21 Gables range.*

### **Uva Mira Mountain Vineyards**

When the name of this winery is translated it literally means “The Wonderful Grape”. Full of charm and rich in heritage this winery can offer more than just amazing wine, it’s an experience in and of itself. Not to mention some of the most incredible views in Stellenbosch.

*Wine tip: Well known for Chardonnay and selection of red wines*

### **Vergelegen Wine Estate**

Exquisite gardens, historical Homestead and Library, ancient Camphor trees over 300 years old, spectacular views of the Hottentots Holland mountains, incredible kids play area, world-class restaurants and award-winning wines all contribute to the wonderful, unique experience the estate offers.

*Wine tip: Do not miss out on the Flagship range including the Vergelegen G.V.B. Red and white*

### **Villiera Wines**

A pioneering, family-run winery which has been owned by the Grier Family since 1983.

*Wine tip: Taste their wide range of wines, especially their famous Cap Classique, a South African sparkling wine made in same method as Champagne.*

### **Warwick Wine Estate**



Norma Ratcliffe, who bought the farm in 1964, became one of the Cape’s first female winemakers – and one of its most illustrious wine personalities, whose legacy is immortalised in the Warwick “First Lady” range. The estate is also well-known for offering gourmet picnic on the lawns – ideal for the whole family.

*Wine tip: Their Warwick Trilogy, their flagship wine, is a three-varietal Bordeaux-style blend. The First Lady range is a much-loved, easy-drinking local favourite.*

### **Waterford Wine Estate**

The owners have incorporated the estate with the natural ecosystem to ensure visitors are surrounded by the beautiful local flora and fauna. The estate is well-known for its chocolate and wine pairing.

*Wine tip: Their flagship wine is the “The Jem” – a blend of varietals with Cabernet Sauvignon as the base*



# Franschhoek

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## **Babylonstoren Wine Estate**



Babylonstoren is one of the oldest Cape Dutch farms. It has a fruit and vegetable garden of beauty and diversity, unique accommodation, and fine food and wine

*Wine tip: Enjoy the Mourvèdre Rose – a perfect accompaniment to lunch or for any romantic occasion.*

## **Colmant**

With Franschhoek being the MCC (Methode Cap Classique – sparkling wines made in the traditional Champagne style) capital of South Africa, it's only apt that you visit Colmant, the first wine farm in South Africa to be entirely dedicated to the production of Method Cap Classique.

*Wine tip: Colmant Brut Chardonnay NV – crisp, elegant, and remarkably good value.*

## **Delaire Graff Estate**

The ultimate in luxury Delaire Graff Estate is sure to impress from the moment you arrive at its grand entrance. On arrival, you will be graced with beautifully landscaped gardens and incredible sculptures welcoming you to this world-class estate of luxury. Surrounded by breath-taking views of the Stellenbosch Valley Mountains and vineyards this is the perfect setting for a day of elegant wine tasting or a decadent dining experience.

*Wine Tip: The Laurence Graff Reserve (Cabernet Sauvignon) and The Banghoek (Cabernet Franc) are both highly awarded.*

## **Le Lude Estate**

A boutique winery within walking distance of the town of Franschhoek. They offer fantastic food and wine pairing as well as decadent lunches.

*Wine Tip: They also only make MCC wines and all are excellent*

## **Mullineux & Leeu Estate**

Using the experience gained from winemaking in France, California, and South Africa, Chris and Andrea Mullineux established Mullineux Family Wines in 2007. Located on The Leeu Estate within walking distance of Franschhoek town.

*Wine Tip: The Leeu Passant and Single Terroir Range are quite remarkable but it's hard to beat the Mullineux Syrah and the Old Vines White in terms of value for money.*

## **Tokara**

The beautiful and elegant Tokara Estate offers visitors a unique combination of award-winning wines, an outstanding fine dining restaurant, a tasting room, a charming child-friendly Delicatessen, brandy and olive oils, and beautiful fine art and sculpture.

*Wine Tip: The Tokara Reserve Collection comprises both red and white wines. The Director's Reserve White is particularly good.*



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# Paarl

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## **Avondale Wine Estate**

Avondale is certified organic and they practice bio-dynamic agriculture; but they go beyond both these beneficial systems of natural farming by also using the best 21st Century science, technology and knowledge to enhance sustainability. They have a world-class restaurant on site.

*Wine tip: Avondale offers tastings of 7 hand-crafted, classic wines – known as Avondale’s Magnificent Collection*

## **Fairview Wine & Cheese, Bakery & Deli**



Fairview is a working farm, housing a collection of micro-businesses all sharing in a common goal – to create artisanal and sustainable produce, with a focus on fine wine and cheese. Perfect for a light lunch and wine tasting.

*Wine tip: Their single-vineyard wines have unique names such as “Pegleg” (Carignan) and “Stok by Paalt” (Grenache)*

## **Landskroon Wines**

The wine-making tradition in South Africa dates back to the 17th Century when the French Huguenots came to the Cape. Landskroon has seen a large part of that history, being established in 1874.

*Wine tip: The hugely popular Landskroon Cape Vintage is very similar in style to Port*

## **Mellasat Vineyards**

The vineyards are dramatically positioned under the Klein Drakenstein Mountains with a tasting cellar and unique ‘Cemetery of Forgotten Wines’ in their underground cellar.

*Wine tip: Mellasat Vineyards is the home of the white Pinotage.*

## **Spice Route Destination**



A one-stop destination that celebrates Cape culture. So much more than just a wine farm, on-site is a brewery, gin distillery, chocolatier, Grapperia, glassblower, and numerous restaurants and food outlets.

*Wine tip: Malabar is the flagship red wine*



# Constantia

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## **Beau Constantia**

Beau Constantia is a boutique wine farm resting on some of the steepest slopes in the Cape. It boasts lush rolling lawns, gorgeous greenery surrounding the estate and a stunning view of False Bay. It has been on everyone's lips recently as the resident restaurant, Chef's Warehouse is serving some of the country's best food. Magnificent views, incredible food and award-winning wine, what's not to love?

## **Buitenverwachting Wine**

Buitenverwachting (which incidentally means 'beyond expectation') is found on the eastern slopes of Constantiaberg and is a truly lovely spot to visit that is steeped in history. Stroll around the winery and admire the views while the kids play on the lawns.

*Wine Tip: Try the much-loved Buiten Blanc and Blanc de Noir*

## **Cape Point Vineyards**



A unique farm in Noordhoek where vines are grown between mountains and the ocean. The picnic area, restaurant, and function venue offers 360-degree views of mountains, fynbos, vineyards, and glorious sunsets over the Atlantic Ocean making for an unforgettable experience. Every Thursday, between 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm, they have a Community Market with a variety of local foodie vendors.

*Wine Tip: Cool breezes from the sea make for a slow-growing season, with a late harvest that results in a unique Sauvignon Blanc that is recognised across the globe for its rich minerality, structure, and tone.*

## **Constantia Glen**

Constantia Glen is a picturesque, boutique wine estate producing ultra-premium, cool-climate wines.

*Wine Tip: Constantia Glen Five – comprising five archetypal Bordeaux varieties*

## **Klein Constantia**

Dating back to 1685 and described as one of the world's most beautiful wine estates, Klein Constantia is set amidst ancient trees on the upper foothills of the Constantiaberg, with views across False Bay.

*Wine tip: the world-famous Vin de Constance, a naturally sweet wine, rumoured to be favoured by Napoleon*

## **Steenberg Wine Farm**

There is no shortage of things to do - from a luxury hotel to a spa, golfing and fantastic restaurants. Guests can choose to sample some of their finest bottles at the tasting bar, lounge, or outdoor terrace.

*Wine Tip: Top wine Magna Carta and the 1682 Chardonnay MCC*



## Hermanus

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### **Bouchard Finlayson Winery**

This beautiful boutique winery is dedicated to the making of excellent Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc wines, with years of experience backing this award-winning brand.

*Wine Tip: Bouchard Finlayson's flagship wine is the Galpin Peak Pinot Noir, which has won many an award and accolades.*

### **Creation Wines**

Great location, views, and a fantastic food and wine pairing

*Wine tip: Well known for Chardonnay & Pinot Noir*

### **Hamilton Russell Vineyards**

Hamilton Russell was the first wine estate to be planted in Walker Bay and was founded by Tim Hamilton Russell in 1975, carving out a reputation as a winery of both old and new traditions. Their two varieties of wine are Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, as the vineyard chooses to focus on a more traditional approach by only producing a few varieties rather than the “new style” approach of producing many variants on the same amount of soil.

*Wine Tip: You cannot go wrong with any of their excellent wines*

### **Hermanuspietersfontein Wines**

Their wines are just as uniquely named, with the HPF brand being the only wine cellar in South Africa to use Afrikaans-only names. The non-serious attitude has also led to a well-loved reputation as a fun and laid-back winery, with the owner commenting that “while we don’t take ourselves seriously, we’re serious about making good wines”.

*Wine Tip: They offer a refreshing Sauvignon Blanc to a full-bodied Borduex-style blend*

### **Newton Johnson**

The Newton Johnson vineyards were bought in 1995, with virgin (untouched) lands untainted by synthetic fertilizers and herbicides. With this in mind, the Newton Johnson family aimed to keep the land, vines, and area as close to what nature intended as possible. Excellent restaurant on-site.

*Wine Tip: Their Pinot Noir is excellent*

*Please Note: we aim to only recommend wine farms that we have personally vetted, but cannot be held responsible for any negative experiences. Change is inevitable, please let us know if you find any outdated information or have any suggestions for additions or omissions to our wine farms guide.*