

# Welcome *to the Overberg*

**C**radled between mountains and valleys, the Overberg unfolds with sleepy villages and rich landscapes, bordered by a pristine Atlantic coastline. Once a hidden gem cherished by off-the-beaten-track adventurers, much has changed.

As people sought peaceful lifestyles close to nature, the region blossomed into a world-class destination, its exceptional wines claiming their place on the international stage.

In the shadow of South Africa's historic winelands, the Overberg's viticultural tale began in the late 1970s. Visionary farmers, inspired by coastal breezes, planted the seeds of a new wine legacy. The new millennium brought ambition; the region's terroir awakened, giving birth to vineyards of

distinction. From sun-kissed slopes and misty valleys emerged acclaimed estates, their wines embodying the Overberg's soul – a blend of tradition and innovation.

It's the pioneering spirit that sets the Overberg apart. These farmers-turned-alchemists, with calloused hands and hearts attuned to the earth, coax magic from diverse soils. Under skies that paint vines with cool Atlantic breezes, they craft wines of singular character – liquid postcards speaking eloquently of their origins.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the passionate artisans who, alongside culinary maestros and gracious hosts, have transformed this land into a vinicultural heaven. We trust our guide will inspire many memorable experiences.

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# Overberg Wine - A Sense of Place

*By Jean-Pierre Rossouw*

**O**ur wine region begins as you cross “over the mountain” (Over-Berg) at Sir Lowry’s Pass. Immediately, you’re enveloped by a sense of expansiveness - more farmland, more wild terrain, interspersed with carefully cultivated pockets of vines.

Each area in the Overberg has become renowned for certain varieties or styles of wine, shaped by its unique microclimate: The beautiful Elgin Valley, perched at altitude, which means cooler nights and mild days, is known for fine Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc. Bot River at the foot of the Houw Hoek Pass, with its windy, warmer climate, is famed for Chenin Blanc and Pinotage; you will also find great Shiraz and Cabernet Franc.



On to seaside Hermanus, where the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley has gained world-renown for its elegant Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays. Further east, around the picturesque village of Stanford, you will find small wineries that make lovely maritime-influenced blends, Sauvignon

***Great wine is the taste of a place and a snapshot in time.”***

Blanc and Pinotage. From here you travel to the wild and windy climate and topography of Cape Agulhas, where Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah are the calling cards of a dynamic wine-growing area that is a rising star.

Welcome to our wine region! The Overberg’s diverse landscapes and wines cannot be fully appreciated in just a day or two. Take your time to explore this captivating area - we promise these will be days long remembered, filled with discovery and delight.



*Wine*



*This map serves as an indication only*

## Hemel-en-Aarde Route

Nestled between rolling hills and lush vineyards, the picturesque Hemel-en-Aarde Valley is a paradise for wine enthusiasts and gourmands alike. World-class wineries produce exceptional cool-climate wines, particularly renowned for their Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

Local restaurants showcase farm-to-table cuisine, perfectly complementing the region's vintages. Charming farm cottages offer luxurious accommodation with breathtaking views, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the valley's natural beauty. From cellar door tastings to culinary experiences, this route promises an unforgettable journey through the best of wine country living.

# Creation



**A**t Creation on Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, famous for its Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, nature and art converge amidst towering mountains and fynbos-lined vineyards.

Collaborating with scientists and medical professionals, the team crafts anti-inflammatory, flexitarian menus embodying the “what grows together, goes together” philosophy. Memorable tasting experiences for



all include an alcohol-free pairing, kids’ menu, breakfast, and à la carte selections.

The scenic setting offers spectacular views, a fynbos garden with contemporary art installations, and hiking and cycling trails.

## WINERY DETAILS

On the R320, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, Hermanus

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 212 1107

reservations@creationwines.com

info@creationwines.com

[www.creationwines.com](http://www.creationwines.com)

## OPENING HOURS:

### Wine Tasting and Sales

Daily 09h00 - 17h00

### Wine and Food Pairing

Daily 10h00 - 16h00

### Breakfast

Daily 09h30 - 11h00

Closed: 25 December and 1 January

## THE WINES

*Chardonnay, Reserve Chardonnay, Art of Chardonnay, Glenn's Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Reserve Pinot Noir, Art of Pinot Noir, Emma's Pinot Noir, Rosé, Sauvignon Blanc, Sauvignon-Semillon, Cool-Climate Chenin, Old-Vine Chenin, Viognier-Roussanne-Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Merlot, Reserve Syrah, Syrah-Grenache, Elation Cap Classique, Fine Cape Vintage*



# CREATION

# Spookfontein



**E**xperience Hemel-en-Aarde at Spookfontein. Enjoy award-winning wines and exquisite cuisine amidst Babilonstoring Mountains' scenic vistas. The rustic winery and restaurant, set among vineyards and fynbos, offer panoramic views.

Sample our Pinot Noir MCC and acclaimed reds and whites, products of our unique terroir. Our restaurant serves elevated country-style dishes using local ingredients, ranging from classic to refined.

For a complete experience, stay in one of two self-catering cottages nestled between vineyard and mountain, each accommodating four guests.

## WINERY DETAILS

R320, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Hermanus

**Winery:** +27 (0)28 125 0128

admin@spookfontein.co.za

**Restaurant:** +27 (0)73 067 7936

restaurant@spookfontein.co.za

[www.spookfontein.co.za](http://www.spookfontein.co.za)

## OPENING HOURS:

Winery: Monday to Saturday

10h00 – 16h30

Sunday and Public Holidays

10h00 – 16h00

Restaurant: Tuesday to Sunday

12h00 – 16h30 (kitchen closes at 15:30)

Private dinner functions:

Please enquire

## THE WINES

*Cap Classique, Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Full Moon, Sauvignon Blanc, Rosé, Pinot Noir, Phantom, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Opera, Syrah, Merlot, Cape Ruby*



Spookfontein

# Hasher Family Wines



**H**asher Family Estate in Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley blends European farming heritage with African passion. Co-owners Frederik and Céline, with winemaker Natasha Williams, craft elegant Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, showcasing their distinctive terroir and cool climate.

The estate embraces regenerative farming, minimising environmental impact through organic methods and ecological pest control. Their respect for the land is reflected in conservation efforts, producing wines of character that embody the valley's natural rhythms.

## WINERY DETAILS

R320 Hemel-en-Aarde Road,  
Hermanus

**WhatsApp:** +27 (0)78 349 5402

[info@hasherfamilywines.co.za](mailto:info@hasherfamilywines.co.za)

[www.hasherfamilywines.co.za](http://www.hasherfamilywines.co.za)

## OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday to Saturday 10h30 – 16h00

**Holiday Season:** Please enquire about additional opening times

## THE WINES

*Ernest Pinot Noir; Marimist Chardonnay;*

*Nauticus Sauvignon Blanc; Cyriel Cabernet Franc;*

*Batrachella Pinotage*



**HASHER**  
FAMILY ESTATE

# Regenerative Farming

*Quality Soil makes Better Wine*



**T**

he term ‘regenerative farming’ refers to a holistic alternative to the degenerative effects

of conventional agriculture on natural habitats and ecosystems.

It’s transforming the wine industry’s approach to viticulture, and in a biodiversity hotspot such as Hemel-en-Aarde, winegrowers are committing to the approach.

Hasher Family Wines is a progressive winery that has adopted regenerative farming practices to foster a harmonious

relationship between viticulture and the environment. Owner Frederik Herten emphasises the long-term vision vested in the approach: “We’re not just farming for today, but for future generations. Regenerative practices ensures the land we cherish will continue thriving and producing exceptional wines for years to come.”

This holistic approach to vineyard management looks beyond the vines to encompass the entire ecosystem. The focus has shifted from mere grape production to nurturing soil health, promoting biodiversity, and preserving the natural balance of the land.

A significant change at the Hasher Estate has been the complete elimination of pesticides. Local predator bugs are introduced to combat the mealybug, while runner ducks keep the snail population in check.

Natural pest control not only protects the vines but supports the local ecosystem. Herbicides are a thing of the past and Hasher’s vineyards now boast permanent cover crops, regularly mowed to maintain optimal growth. Plans are underway to introduce sheep to serve as natural lawnmowers, further reducing the need for mechanical intervention.

Soil health is paramount in the regenerative approach. Compost tea, a nutrient-rich liquid, introduces essential microbiological life for a healthy underground ecosystem. A newly acquired compost tea machine is being shared among neighbouring vineyards, fostering a spirit of collaboration and resource efficiency.

This collaborative spirit amongst Hemel-en-Aarde wine farms extends to environmental stewardship beyond just vineyards. Establishing wildlife corridors



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throughout the region, enables local fauna to safely roam the landscape.

As these regenerative practices take root, the Hemel-en-Aarde winegrowers are becoming not just the producer of fine wines, but guardians of a thriving, sustainable ecosystem. This holistic approach promises a brighter future for both the wine industry and the natural world it depends upon.

## Bosman Hermanus



In Upper Hemel-en-Aarde, vineyards and fynbos coexist at Bosman Family Vineyards. Visitors can enjoy wine tastings with tapas-style treats, or coffee at the Frame House. The farm offers hiking trails and cultivates proteas alongside cool-climate vineyards. All Bosman wines are available for purchase.

**WINERY DETAILS:** De Bos Farm, Karwyderskraal Road, Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley  
**Tel:** +27 (0)76 300 0819 • [taste@bosmanhermanus.co.za](mailto:taste@bosmanhermanus.co.za)  
[www.bosmanhermanus.co.za](http://www.bosmanhermanus.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:** Tuesday to Friday 10h00 – 17h00 (kitchen closes at 16h00)  
Saturday 10h00 – 16h00 (kitchen closes at 15h00)  
Sunday and Public Holidays 10h00 – 15h00 (kitchen closes at 14h00)  
Closed on Mondays, 25, 26 December, 1 January and Good Friday

**THE WINES:** *Generation 8:* Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay, Merlot, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon  
*Upper Hemel-en-Aarde:* Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir. *Single Vineyard:* Fides Grenache Blanc, Optenhorst Chenin Blanc, Twyfeling Cinsaut. *Fairtrade:* Bosman Adama Red & Adama White, Nero D'Avola, Erfenis, Bosman Cabernet Sauvignon



## Newton Johnson



Newton Johnson Vineyards, a family-owned estate in Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, is renowned for terroir-driven Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Their modern gravity-fed cellar employs natural fermentation and minimal intervention for pure, vineyard-expressive wines. The Tasting Room and Restaurant offer panoramic valley views stretching to the ocean.

**WINERY DETAILS:** R320 Hemel-en-Aarde Road, Hermanus  
**Winery:** +27 (0)28 312 3862 • **Restaurant:** +27 (0)83 667 5283  
[wine@newtonjohnson.com](mailto:wine@newtonjohnson.com) • [www.newtonjohnson.com](http://www.newtonjohnson.com)

**OPENING HOURS:** Monday to Friday 09h00 – 16h00  
Saturdays and Public Holidays 10h00 – 15h00  
Restaurant: Wednesday to Sunday 09h00 – 16h00

**THE WINES:** *Newton Johnson Family Vineyards:* Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Falkirk Grenache, Falkirk Syrah, *Newton Johnson:* Albariño, Southend Chardonnay, Walker Bay Pinot Noir, Full Stop Rock, Sauvignon Blanc, *Single Vineyard:* Windansea Pinot Noir, Seadragon Pinot Noir



## Seven Springs Vineyards



**S**even Springs captures Walker Bay's beauty in its wines, flourishing between Babylonstoren, Klein River mountains, and the Atlantic. Specialising in world-class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, they offer six single-varietal wines in a warm, informal tasting atmosphere.

**WINERY DETAILS:** R320 Hemel-en-Aarde Road, Caledon

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 316 4994

info@7springs.co.za • [www.7springs.co.za](http://www.7springs.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:** All year round, seven days a week from 11h00 – 16h00

Public holidays: Please enquire

### THE WINES:

*Sauvignon Blanc; Unoaked Chardonnay;  
Chardonnay; Pinot Noir; Syrah; Syrah Rosé*



SEVEN SPRINGS  
VINEYARDS

## Lötter Family Wines



**D**ie Plaaskombuis, a traditional South African farm kitchen, is also home to Lötter Wines. Winemaker Hannes Storm crafts their elegant wines from grapes grown on Vrede Farm, owned by the Lötter family since 1978. The focus is on simplicity, minimal interference and showcasing the terroir. Experience true country hospitality, home-style cooking, wine tasting and sweet treats in a picturesque setting.

**WINERY DETAILS:** Vrede Farm, R320 Hemel-en-Aarde, Hermanus

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 312 1857

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[www.dieplaaskombuishermanus.co.za](http://www.dieplaaskombuishermanus.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:** Wine Tasting and Sales daily 10h00 – 17h00

**Restaurant:** Open daily for breakfast and lunch 08h00 – 17h00

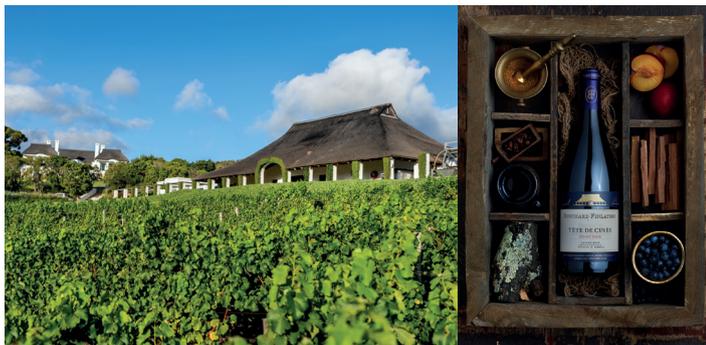
### THE WINES:

*Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Grenache Rosé, Syrah,  
Syrah Mourvèdre Grenache, Pinot Noir*



*Lötter*  
FAMILY WINES

## Bouchard Finlayson



**B**ouchard Finlayson, a leading boutique winery in Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, crafts award-winning Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc from its cool maritime climate and ancient soils. Located near Hermanus, it offers daily tastings, wine pairings, platters, and self-guided fynbos nature trails.

**WINERY DETAILS:** R320 Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Hermanus  
**Tel:** +27 (0)28 312 3515 • [www.bouchardfinlayson.co.za](http://www.bouchardfinlayson.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:** Monday to Friday 09h00 – 16h30  
 Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 10h00 – 16h00

**THE WINES:** Blanc de Mer, Walker Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Sans Barrique Chardonnay, Kaaimansgat/Crocodile's Lair Chardonnay, Missionvale Chardonnay, Hannibal, Galpin Peak Pinot Noir, Tête de Cuvée Pinot Noir, Aurum



## Bartho Eksteen Wine Estate



**E**xplore pioneering, benchmark Sauvignon Blanc and highly acclaimed red wines at Bartho Eksteen Wine Estate in Hemel-en-Aarde Valley. After savouring handcrafted wines, visit Maná Fresh for seasonal, farm-fresh fare made from local produce. A destination where sustainability, quality, and hospitality shine for wine and food lovers alike.

**WINERY DETAILS:** R320 Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Hermanus  
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[www.barthoeksteen.co.za](http://www.barthoeksteen.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:** Monday to Saturday 10h00 – 16h00

**THE WINES:** *Flagship Range:* Houtskool Sauvignon Blanc (wooded), Croepsdruk Rhône-style Red, Professore Cape Blend (world's first), Fluister Estate Pinot Noir; *Signature Range:* DOM Cap Classique, Meester Sauvignon Blanc, Blom Provençal-style Rosé, Ouskool Rhône-style Red, Soetmuis Sauvignon Blanc, Noble Late Harvest; *Wijnskool Range:* Tree of Knowledge Sauvignon Blanc, Tree of Knowledge Shiraz; *Pieter Willem & Sol:* Nosotros Malbec



## Hermanuspietersfontein



**E**stablished in 2005, this cellar adopted the village's original 1855 name, Hermanuspietersfontein. Elegant European-style wines are crafted from their Sondagskloof vineyards, featuring iconic Afrikaans names, which can be sampled at their Hermanus winery. For a complete escape, stay in the self-catering cottages on the farm, perfect for hiking and mountain biking.

**WINERY DETAILS:** 17 Village Lane, Hemel-en-Aarde Village, Hermanus  
**Tel:** +27 (0)28 316 1875 • [kelder@hpf1855.co.za](mailto:kelder@hpf1855.co.za)  
**www.hpf1855.co.za**

**OPENING HOURS:** Monday to Friday 10h00 – 16h00  
Saturday 10h00 – 14h00  
Closed on Sundays, Please enquire about opening hours on Public Holidays

**THE WINES:** *Arnoldus (Bordeaux Blend), Swartskaaap Cabernet Franc, Kleinboet (Bordeaux Blend), Snoonma Shiraz, Kat met die Houtbeen Sauvignon Blanc, Kaalvoet Meisie Sauvignon Blanc, Bloos Rosé, Posmeester Merlot.*



Hermanuspietersfontein

## Whalehaven



**A**t the entrance to the valley is Whalehaven, Hemel-en-Aarde's third oldest producer. Winners of the 2023 International Wine Challenge's Hemel-en-Aarde trophy for Chardonnay with the highest score across all white wines from South Africa. Master of Wine Richard Kershaw crafts their Terroir and Reserve Series. The winery offers tastings and a unique Wine and Chocolate Truffle experience.

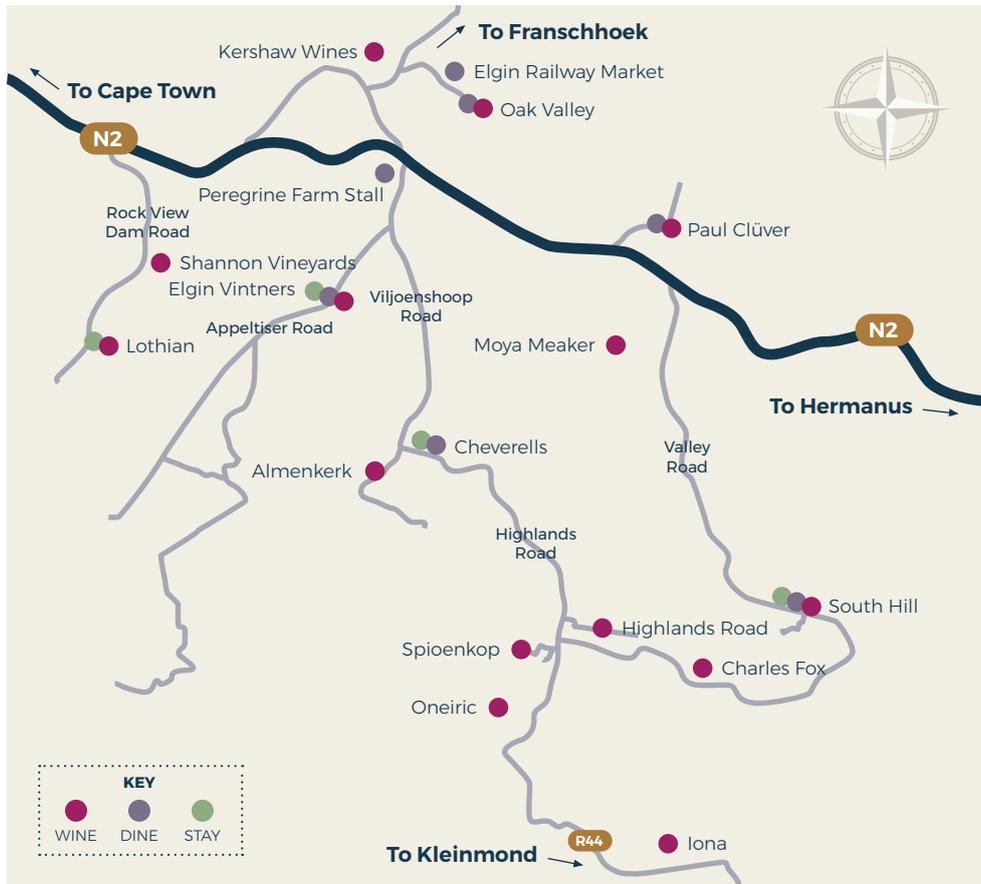
**WINERY DETAILS:** c/o R320 Hemel-en-Aarde Road & Village Lane, Hermanus  
**Tel:** +27 (0)28 050 1301 • [experience@whalehaven.co.za](mailto:experience@whalehaven.co.za) • [www.whalehaven.co.za](http://www.whalehaven.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:** Monday to Friday 09h30 – 17h00  
Saturday and Sunday 10h30 – 16h30

**THE WINES:** *Whalehaven Terroir Series: Sandstone Strata Chardonnay, Granite Rock Pinot Noir, Shale Summit Pinot Noir, Mineral Stone Sauvignon Blanc; Whalehaven Reserve Series: Seascape Chardonnay, Earthscape Pinot Noir, Cloudscape Pinot Noir; Whalehaven Classic Cultivars: Sauvignon Blanc, Unwooded Viognier, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Pinotage.*



**WHALEHAVEN**  
A TRIUMPH OF NATURE  
HERMANUS



*This map serves as an indication only*

## Elgin Route

Cradled in a high-altitude valley, Elgin's cool-climate vineyards thrive in South Africa's premier apple-growing region. This young wine district has rapidly gained acclaim for its elegant Chardonnays, crisp Sauvignon Blancs, and refined Pinot Noirs. Meticulous viticulture and cutting-edge winemaking yield bottles of remarkable finesse.

Beyond wine, Elgin offers gastronomic delights at farm restaurants and orchards bursting with fruit. Luxurious country lodges and quaint self-catering cottages provide serene retreats. Elgin's natural beauty, outdoor activities, and world-class wines create an enchanting escape just an hour from Cape Town.

## Lothian of Elgin



**F**amily-owned estate on the scenic Palmiet River in the heart of the Elgin Valley, renowned for its award-winning Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and a refreshing dry Riesling. Embracing an authentic and traditionalist approach to Burgundian-style winemaking. Enjoy luxury wine tastings and stunning vineyard views, or the ultimate retreat at opulent Lothian House.

**WINERY DETAILS:** Lothian Vineyards, Rockview Dam Road, Elgin  
**Tel:** +27 (0)21 859 9901  
 info@lothianvineyards.com • [www.lothianvineyards.com](http://www.lothianvineyards.com)

**OPENING HOURS:** Monday to Friday 10h00 – 16h00  
 Weekends by Appointment

**THE WINES:** *Lothian Estate Wines:* Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling, Grüner Veltliner;

**Biosphere Range:** Chardonnay Sur Lie, Pinot Noir;  
**Horny Owl Range:** Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz.



## Paul Clüver Family Wines



**P**aul Clüver Family Wines, a pioneer in Elgin's cool-climate region since 1987, excels in terroir-driven Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Their estate now hosts BLOEM by Bertus Basson, offering a family-friendly dining experience with seasonal, farm-fresh cuisine, perfectly paired with Paul Clüver's exceptional wines.

**WINERY DETAILS:** N2, Kromco turnoff, Grabouw  
**Tel:** +27 (0)21 844 0605  
 info@cluver.com | info@bloemrestaurant.co.za | [www.cluver.com](http://www.cluver.com)

**OPENING HOURS: Wine Tasting:** Monday to Friday 09h00 – 16h00;  
 Saturday & Sunday 10h00 – 14h00  
**Restaurant:** Tuesday to Sunday Breakfast & Lunch

**THE WINES:** Paul Clüver Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Riesling Noble Late Harvest;  
**Seven Flags:** Pinot Noir, Chardonnay;  
**Estate Collection:** Pinot Noir, Chardonnay;  
**Village range:** Pinot Noir, Chardonnay



### HIGHLANDS ROAD ESTATE

75 Highlands Road, Elgin

#### Opening Hours:

Wednesday to Sunday 10h00 – 16h00

by appointment

**Tel:** +27 (0)71 271 0161

+27 (0)72 2605 566

info@highlandsroadestate.co.za | [www.highlandsroadestate.co.za](http://www.highlandsroadestate.co.za)



### ONEIRIC WINES

76 Highlands Road, Elgin

**Opening Hours:** Mon to Fri 10h00 – 16h00

Weekends by appointment

**Tel:** +27 (0)71 481 9560

shan@oneiric.co.za

[www.oneiric.co.za](http://www.oneiric.co.za)



### SHANNON VINEYARDS

Rockview Dam Road, Elgin

#### Opening Hours:

Tastings by appointment only

**Tel:** +27 (0)21 859 2491

info@shannonwines.com

[www.shannonwines.com](http://www.shannonwines.com)



### SOUTH HILL VINEYARDS

113 Valley Road, Elgin

#### Opening Hours:

Wednesday to Sunday 08h00 – 16h00

**Tel:** +27 (0)21 844 0888

info@southhill.co.za

[www.southhill.co.za](http://www.southhill.co.za)



### SPIOENKOP

76 Highlands Road, Elgin

#### Opening Hours:

By appointment only

**Tel:** +27 (0)72 440 2944

info@spioenkopwines.co.za

[www.spioenkopwines.co.za](http://www.spioenkopwines.co.za)



### OAK VALLEY

127 Oak Avenue, Grabouw

#### Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 09h00 – 17h00

Weekends 09h00 – 16h00

**Tel:** +27 (0)21 859 4110

wines@oak-valley.co.za

[www.oakvalley.co.za](http://www.oakvalley.co.za)





### ALMENKERK WINE ESTATE

50 Viljoenshoop Road, Elgin

Tuesday to Saturday 09h00 – 16h00

Closed on Sundays and Mondays

Contact us for festive season and public holiday opening times.

**Tel:** +27 (0)21 848 9844

info@almenkerk.co.za • [www.almenkerk.co.za](http://www.almenkerk.co.za)

*Owned by the Belgian/Dutch Almenkerk family making elegant cool-climate wines. Visit the tasting room and take a hike along the 5 – 7 km trail for all ages.*



### CHARLES FOX CAP CLASSIQUE WINE ESTATE

89 Valley Road, Elgin

Monday to Sunday 10h00 – 16h00. Closed 25 Dec and 1 Jan.

**Tel:** +27 (0)82 471 3444 | +27 (0)82 569 2965

charlesfoxmcc@gmail.com • [www.charlesfox.co.za](http://www.charlesfox.co.za)

*Nestled in the heart of the Elgin Valley. Specialising in grape varieties used in making champagne in classic French style – Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier.*



### ELGIN VINTNERS

Ridgeland Farm, Appletiser Road, Elgin

**Wine tasting, sales and pizzas:**

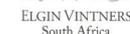
Wednesday to Sunday 10h00 – 16h00

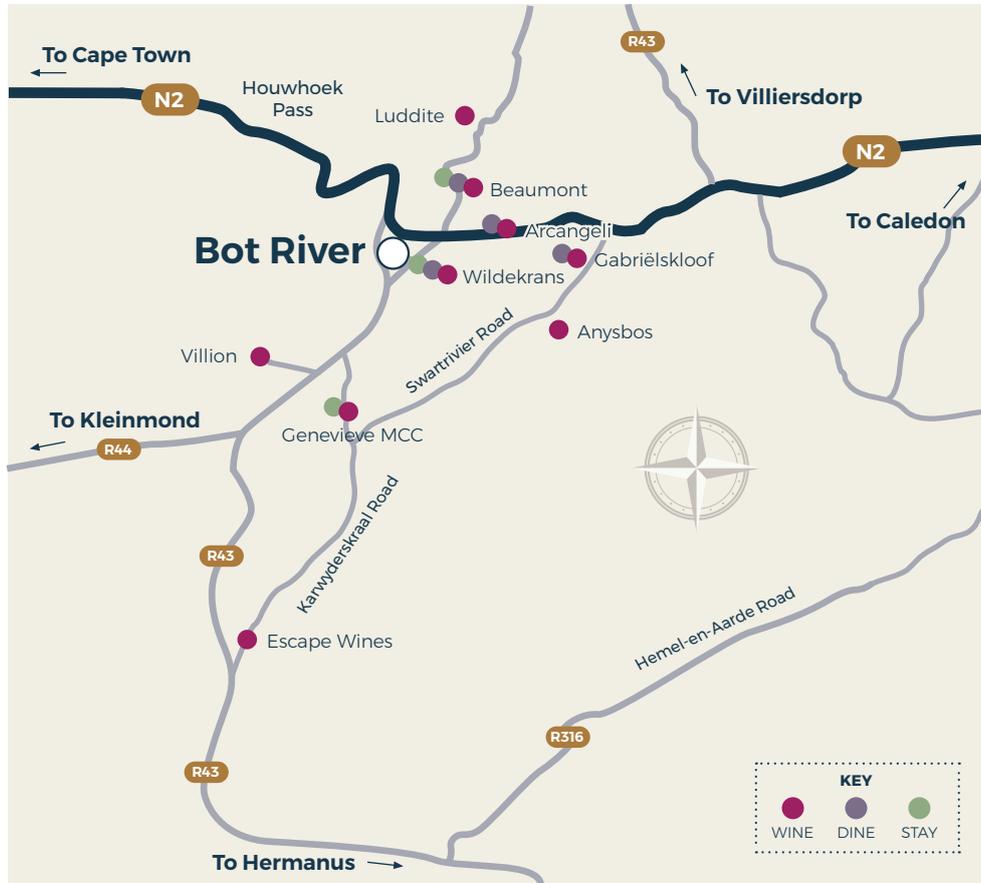
Closed on Monday and Tuesday

**Tel:** +27 (0)21 848 9587

info@elginvintners.co.za • [www.elginvintners.co.za](http://www.elginvintners.co.za)

*Producers of cool-climate wines made with minimum interference and maximum care on the historic Elgin Orchards Farm (est. 1890). Scenic function venue and 4-star country guesthouse.*





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## Bot River Route

At the foot of the Houwhoek Pass, the Bot River wine region captivates with its rustic charm. This cool-climate area excels in Shiraz, Pinotage, and Chenin Blanc production. The free-spirited winemakers, known for their down-to-earth, sociable character, craft wines embodying its distinctive local terroir.

The region boasts farm-to-table restaurants showcasing local produce and cosy self-catering cottages offering warm hospitality. The rolling hills, wide open spaces and big skies of Bot River create a picturesque setting for an intimate, holistic wine country experience in the heart of the Overberg.

# Beaumont Family Wines



**T**his family-run farm is home to three generations of Beaumonts, known for their down-to-earth country hospitality.

Established in the 1700s as a supply farm for the Dutch East India Company, it has the oldest

wine cellar in the region and a restored Vitruvian water mill.

Join them on the farm to taste award-winning wines, relax under the tree-shaded restaurant terrace and enjoy a farm-to-table brunch or lunch, or to pick up some homemade meals and produce.

## WINERY DETAILS

Compagnesdrift Farm, Bot River

Tel: +27 (0)28 284 9194

WhatsApp: +27 (0)666 251 8155

info@beaumont.co.za

[www.beaumont.co.za](http://www.beaumont.co.za)

## OPENING HOURS:

Monday to Friday 09h00 – 16h30

Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays

10h00 – 15h00. Closed on 24, 25, 26

December and 1 January

## THE WINES

*Chenin Blanc, Hope Marguerite Chenin Blanc, New Baby White Blend, Rosé, Raoul's Red, Jackals River Pinotage, Dangerfield Syrah, Far Side Mourvèdre, Ariane Cabernet Franc, Vitruvian Red Blend, Goutte D'Or Chenin Blanc Noble Late Harvest, Cape Vintage Port.*



**BEAUMONT**  
*Family Wines*

### LUDDITE WINES

Van Der Stel Pass Rd, Bot River

**Opening Hours:** Mon to Fri 10h00 – 16h00

Saturday & Public holidays  
by appointment

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 001 0516

**Niels:** +27 (0)83 444 3537

info@luddite.co.za | [www.luddite.co.za](http://www.luddite.co.za)



### ARCANGELI WINES

Roodeheuvel Farm, N2 Bot River

**Opening Hours:**

Tuesday to Saturday 10h00 – 16h00

**Tel:** +27 (0)71 183 7025

info@arcangeliwines.com

[www.arcangeliwines.com](http://www.arcangeliwines.com)



### EERSTE HOOP

Van der Stel Pass Road, Bot River

**Opening Hours:** Weekdays 10h00 – 16h00

Weekends by appointment only

**Tel:** +27 (0)82 754 4408 | +27 (0) 72 256 2828

wine@eerstehoop.co.za

winemaker@eerstehoop.co.za

[www.eerstehoop.com](http://www.eerstehoop.com)



### ESCAPE WINES

Karwyderskraal Road, Bot River

**Opening Hours:**

Wednesday to Saturday 10h00 – 16h00

**Tel:** +27 (0)76 073 6421

info@escapewines.com

[www.escapewines.com](http://www.escapewines.com)



### ANYSBOS

Swartrivier Road, Bot River

**Opening Hours:** Weekdays 11h00 – 16h00

by appointment only

**Tel:** +27 (0)82 607 0013

info@anysbos.co.za

[www.anysbos.co.za](http://www.anysbos.co.za)



### GENEVIEVE MCC

Klein Botrivier Farm

Karwyderskraal Rd, Bot River

**Opening Hours:**

Wednesday to Saturday 10h00 – 16h00

**Tel:** +27 (0)83 302 6562

melissa@genevievemcc.co.za

[www.genevievemcc.co.za](http://www.genevievemcc.co.za)



# Gabriëlskloof



**G**abriëlskloof, a family-run wine estate in Botrivier, produces acclaimed terroir-driven wines. It offers a serene escape for visitors to enjoy fine wine, food, and hospitality. The estate prioritises sustainability, conservation, and community, fostering a lifestyle centred on family and land stewardship. Enjoy your favourite wines over lunch at the restaurant.

**WINERY DETAILS:** Swartvriev Road, N2, between Botrivier and Caledon  
**Tel:** +27 (0)28 284 9865 | +27 (0)67 331 2957 (WhatsApp only)  
 info@gabriëlskloof.co.za  
[www.gabriëlskloof.co.za](http://www.gabriëlskloof.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:** Weekdays 09h00 –17h00  
 Weekends and Public Holidays 10h00 – 15h00

**THE WINES:** **Cabriëlskloof Range:** Rosebud (Syrah Rose), Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc, Syrah, The Blend (Bordeaux style blend); **Landscape Series:** Magdalena Semillon, Elodie Chenin, Era Rene Chenin, Syrah on Sandstone, Syrah on Shale, Cabernet Franc; Madame Lucy's MCC, Amphora Sauvignon Blanc, Wholebunch Syrah.



# Wildeckrans Wine Estate



**A** picturesque 1 000 ha estate tucked away in the Bot River Valley, known for its award-winning wines, olive oils and dining experiences. Tastings are offered in the intimate Tasting Room or on the undercover terrace with beautiful views of the farm. Book a picnic hamper in advance or enjoy lunch at their destination restaurant. For a relaxing get-away, stay in one of their nine country cottages.

**WINERY DETAILS:** R43, Bot River  
**Tel:** +27(0)28 284 9488 • vineyards@endlessgroup.co.za  
[www.wildeckrans.com](http://www.wildeckrans.com)

**OPENING HOURS: Tasting Room and Restaurant:**  
 Wednesday to Sunday 10h00 – 16h00; Closed on Monday and Tuesday

**THE WINES: Wildeckrans Estate Range:** Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc, Cape Blend, Shiraz, Deep Purple (Red Blend), Pinotage; **Barrel Select Range:** Reserve Chenin Blanc, Reserve Cape Blend, Reserve Shiraz, Reserve Pinotage; **Methodo Cap Classique Range:** Brut Rosé, Brut Chenin Blanc, Demi Sec.





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## Stanford Route

Tucked between mountains in the heart of the Overberg, Stanford's burgeoning wine scene complements its laid-back village charm. This hidden gem is gaining recognition for its terroir-driven Pinotage, Syrah, and aromatic white blends.

Family-owned boutique wineries dot the pastoral landscape, offering intimate tastings often led by its passionate winemakers. Stanford's culinary scene shines with farm-to-table eateries, while historic cottages and riverside guesthouses provide idyllic accommodations. Here, wine enthusiasts discover a perfect blend of rustic authenticity and refined flavours.

## Raka Wine Estate



**R**aka Wines, named after founder Piet Dreyer's black fishing boat, reflects his maritime passion. Since 1982, the Dreyer family has farmed at Raka, located in a glen in the Kleinrivier Mountains. Here they continue to harvest the earth's bounty in the creation of fine wines that embody their commitment to quality.

**WINERY DETAILS:** R326, 17km from Stanford

**Winery:** +27 (0)28 341 0676 • info@rakawine.co.za • [www.rakawine.co.za](http://www.rakawine.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:** Monday to Friday 09h00 – 17h00

Saturday and Public Holidays: 10h00 – 15h00

Closed on Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday

### THE WINES:

*Sauvignon Blanc, Rosé, Happiness Sparkling, Spliced, Sangiovese,*

*Pinotage, Quinary, Biography Shiraz, Barrel Select Merlot,*

*Figurehead, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon,*

*Cabernet Franc, Five Maidens*



# RAKA

## Walker Bay Estate



**A**scenic country estate in the shadow of the Kleinrivier mountains. Home to Birkenhead Brewery, one of the first craft breweries in South Africa. The vineyards were planted in 2003 and have since grown into a state-of-the-art winery producing award-winning wines that have a true sense of place. Offering wine and beer tastings, and a pub-style restaurant.

**WINERY DETAILS:** R326, Stanford

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 341 0013 • reservations@birkenhead.co.za

[www.walkerbayestate.com](http://www.walkerbayestate.com)

**OPENING HOURS: Tastings, Sales and Restaurant:** Daily 11h00 – 20h00

**Festive Season (15 Dec – 15 Jan):** Daily 11h00 – 21h00

**Winter (Easter to 15 Oct):** Daily 11h00 – 19h00



# WALKER BAY

ESTATE



### STANFORD HILLS

Weltevrede Farm, R43 Stanford

**Open Times:** Daily from 08h00 – 17h00

**Wine and Accommodation:** +27 (0)66 250 3388

**Casa Cello Restaurant:** +27 (0)72 639 6135

info@stanfordhills.co.za | accommodation@stanfordhills.co.za

**www.stanfordhills.co.za**

*Country living at its best. Family and Pet-friendly.*

*Enjoy Stanford Hills wines over lunch or stay over in one of their charming farm cottages.*



### MAANSCHIJN

Stonefields, Lagoon Road, R43, between Hermanus and Stanford

**Winter:** By Appointment and Select Weekends

in Spring and Autumn

**Summer and Public Holidays:** Daily 11h00 – 15h00

**Tel:** +27 (0) 72 859 1093

info@maanschijn.co.za • **www.maanschijn.co.za**

*Artisinal winemakers Doug and Paul craft low-intervention wines from maritime, fynbos-lined vineyards on the edge of the Kleinrivier Estuary.*



### BOSCHRIVIER WINES

R326, 17 km from Stanford

**Opening Hours:**

Monday to Saturday 09h00 – 17h00

Public Holidays and Sundays (Summer Only) 10h00 – 15h00

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 008 5031

admin@boschrivierwines.co.za • **www.boschrivierwines.co.za**

*Family-owned Wine Farm offering Tasting Room, Coffee Shop, Five accommodation options and a Function Venue for up to 100 people.*



## Welgesind



Stanford Hills, R43, Stanford  
**Opening Hours:** Monday to Saturday  
by appointment only  
**Tel:** +27 (0)82 572 5856  
chris@multi-loads.co.za  
[www.welgesind.co.za](http://www.welgesind.co.za)



## Springfontein Wine Estate



8 Wortelgat Road, Stanford  
**Opening Hours:** 11h00 – 21h00  
**Tel:** +27 (0)28 341 0651  
reservations@springfontein.co.za  
[www.springfontein.co.za](http://www.springfontein.co.za)



## Brunia Wines



Cold Mountain Farm  
Sandies Glen Road, Stanford  
**Opening Hours:** Tuesday to Saturday  
10h00 – 16h00 (by appointment only)  
**Tel:** +27 (0)28 341 0432  
info@bruniawines.co.za  
[www.bruniawines.co.za](http://www.bruniawines.co.za)



## Deep Rooted Wines



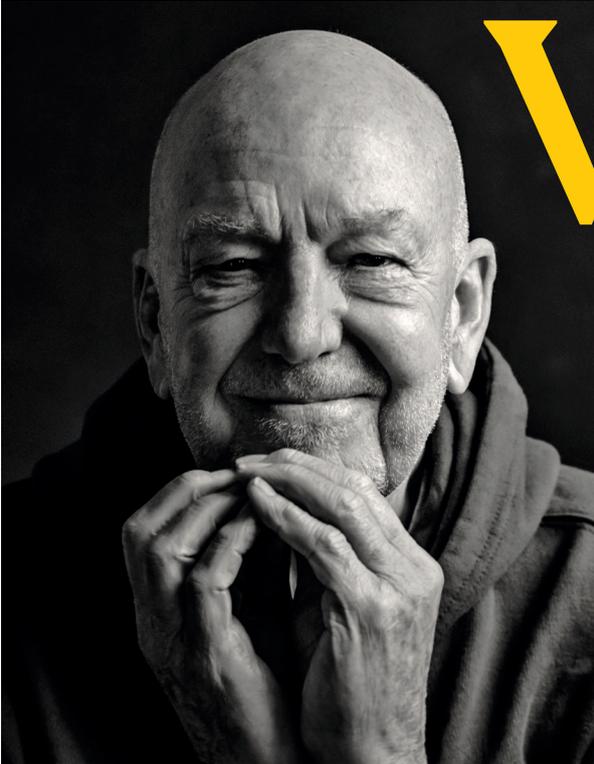
Weltevrede Farm, Stanford  
**Opening Hours:**  
Monday to Saturday 10h00 – 16h00  
**Tel:** +27 (0)82 222 6129  
taste@deeprooted.wine  
[www.deeprooted.wine](http://www.deeprooted.wine)



# Culture Wines Revisited

## *Chenin Blanc and Colombar*

By Melvyn Minnaar



**W**hen one talks South African wine culture, it's the C-wines that tell the sharpest stories. Now that old-time Steen has taken the white wine lead as modern Chenin Blanc, many smart winemakers are polishing that other C-challenge, Colombar. Both long-established as vineyard workhorses, time has arrived for a revisit, reinvention and a rekindling of old love-affairs.

Chenin Blanc wears the go-to, prize-winning crown with grace. The list of fine wines from this versatile and giving grape is long, honourable and beautifully diverse.

Colombar or Colombar (the easy-going time of its big-time debut around the 1950s didn't fret too much about the 'd') was more of a shy operator, but widely a central one in the country's white wine boom. That it could be distilled for excellent brandy didn't mean it didn't bring zip and perfume to the so-called 'premier grand cru' wines of the 1970s and later.

But like the trajectory of 'Steen' to high-end 'proudly South African' by inspired winemakers, Colombar now has the attention of the young and talented - and the daring.

The Overberg region and beyond have quite a few of those adventurers. And

Photo by Gavin Furlonger

even if Colombard was comfortably at home in the more inland regions (make Robertson a key anchor, and the older vineyards northwest), the dare to reinvent this under-the-radar grape could not pass by someone like Sebastian Beaumont of that family's winery.

The fact that he produces one of the finest Chenins, the much-awarded Hope Marguerite,



confirms the credentials. And so does the region – so, when in the area, check out Luddite, Creation, Gabriëlskloof, Wildekrans, Villion, to mention but a few Chenins Blanc.

For Colombard you may have to drive a tad further, but do look out for labels like Naude, Sakkie Mouton, and the beauties of Robertson, McGregor and

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- and the daring.”**

Bonnievale. The latter is also where you'll find one of my favourites, John and Karen Loubser's Silverthorn River Dragon – a Cap Classique bubbly from an old, old Colombard vineyard.



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## Agulhas Route

The Agulhas Wine Triangle, with its slogan 'Wine for Explorers', is a wild and rugged region that beckons those who enjoy travelling off the beaten track. Here, pioneering farmers have planted the southernmost vineyards on the African continent in ancient soils exposed to extreme maritime conditions.

The windswept terroir produces elegant wines of outstanding character, including world-acclaimed Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz and Semillon. Offering inspiring wine tastings, outdoor activities and self-catering farm cottages, this peaceful, unspoilt, biodiversity-rich region is just waiting to be discovered.

## Black Oystercatcher



**F**ounded in 1998 by the Human family, pioneers winemaking in Elim's maritime ward. Owner Dirk Human crafts wines from cool-climate vines in marginal soils, yielding intense flavours. Handpicked grapes produce wines with distinct minerality. Offers wine tastings, antipasto platters, self-catering cottages, and event catering.

**WINERY DETAILS:** Moddervlei Farm, Elim Road, R43, Bredasdorp  
**Tel:** +27 (0)28 482 1618 • [venue@blackoystercatcher.co.za](mailto:venue@blackoystercatcher.co.za)  
**www.blackoystercatcher.co.za**

**OPENING HOURS:** Tuesday to Saturday 10h00 – 16h00  
 Public holidays: Please enquire.

**THE WINES:** *Black Oystercatcher Sauvignon Blanc; Black Oystercatcher Rosé; Black Oystercatcher Brut Rosé Cap Classique; Black Oystercatcher Blanc Fumé; Black Oystercatcher Triton*

Black  
**Oystercatcher**  
 Cape Agulhas 



## Strandveld Vineyards



**S**trandveld Vineyards, Africa's southernmost winery, sits 9km from the ocean between Elim and Cape Agulhas. Known for terroir-driven Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, and Pinot Noir. Offers self-catering cottages for a tranquil escape amidst natural beauty and vineyards.

**WINERY DETAILS:** Blomfontein Farm, Die Damme Road, Elim  
**Tel:** +27 (0)28 482 1902 • [info@strandveld.co.za](mailto:info@strandveld.co.za) • [www.strandveld.co.za](http://www.strandveld.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:** Monday to Friday 10h00 – 16h00  
 Saturday and Public Holidays 10h00 – 15h00  
 Closed on Sundays, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas and New Year's Day.

**THE WINES:** *Strandveld Wines: Pofadderbos Sauvignon Blanc, Adamastor, Syrah, The Navigator, Anders Sparrman Pinot Noir, Skaamgesiggie Pinot Noir Brut, Grenache, Viognier.*

**First Sighting Wines:** Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah



**STRANDVELD**  
 VINEYARDS

### JEAN DANEEL WINES & JD BISTRO

1 Dorp Street, Napier

#### Opening Hours:

Saturday and Sunday 09h30 – 15h00

**Tel:** +27 (0)82 5777 041

renee@jdwines.co.za

[www.jdwines.co.za](http://www.jdwines.co.za)



### GIANT PERIWINKLE

Portion 7 of Farm 213, Baardskeerdersbos

#### Opening Hours:

By appointment only

**Tel:** +27 (0)82 465 8350

info@giantperiwinkle.co.za

[www.giantperiwinkle.co.za](http://www.giantperiwinkle.co.za)



### GHOST CORNER

Tasting at Cederberg Wines

**Tel:** +27 (0)27 482 2827

info@cederbergwine.co.za

[www.cederbergwine.com](http://www.cederbergwine.com)



### ZOETENDAL VINEYARDS AND RIVER ESTATE

Moddervlei Farm, R43, Elim

#### Opening Hours:

Wednesday to Sunday 10h00 – 16h00

**Tel:** +27 (0)72 854 1720

hospitality@zoentendal.co.za

[www.zoentendal.co.za](http://www.zoentendal.co.za)



### SKIPSKOP

8 Meul Street, Napier

#### Opening Hours:

Visits by prior appointment

**Tel:** +27 (0)82 093 1791

skipskopwines@gmail.com

[www.skipskopwines.com](http://www.skipskopwines.com)



### LAND'S END

Available at Du Toitskloof Wines

**Tel:** +27 (0)23 349 1601

info@dtkwines.co.za

[www.dtkwines.co.za](http://www.dtkwines.co.za)

### LANDS END





#### LOMOND WINE ESTATE

Avoca Road, 10km from Gansbaai

#### Opening Hours:

Open 7 days a week from 10h00 – 16h00

Closed on 25 Dec and 1 Jan

**Tel:** +27 (0)82 908 0099

info@lomond.co.za • [www.lomond.co.za](http://www.lomond.co.za)

*Situated on the Agulhas Plain, Lomond's wines express this cool coastal terroir. Enjoy tastings and platters with unparalleled views across the valley, vineyards and Lomond Dam.*



**Lomond**  
CAPE AGULHAS WINES



#### SIJNN WINES

Malgas, Western Cape

Monday to Saturday 10h00 – 15h00

**Tel:** +27 (0)71 670 7483

info@sijnn.co.za • [www.sijnn.co.za](http://www.sijnn.co.za)

*As a unique first-growth winery in the appellation of Malgas, Sijnn pioneered viticulture in this maritime climate, producing wines that express the distinctive terroir of the region.*



**SIJNN**  
WINE OF MALGAS



A BOUTIQUE WINERY SITUATED IN THE BEAUTIFUL AND UNSPOILED NAPIER VALLEY, CLOSE TO CAPE AGULHAS. PRODUCING GROUND-BREAKING, SINGLE VINEYARD, COOL-CLIMATE WINES. SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION.

**Open Times:** Wine tastings by appointment between October and April.

3 Station Road, Napier

**Tel:** +27 (0)71 223 9927 | [info@forteswines.com](mailto:info@forteswines.com) | [www.forteswines.com](http://www.forteswines.com)

**FORTES**  
FAMILY WINES

# Overstrand Hermanus

## *Africa's Gastronomic Gem*

**S**ome six years ago, our Overstrand Hermanus achieved the remarkable distinction as Africa's first UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy. This prestigious accolade, as part of UNESCO's Creative Cities programme, recognises the region's exceptional culinary landscape and farm-to-table ethos.

Spanning the picturesque Cape Whale Coast from Rooiels to Gansbaai, the Overstrand boasts a diverse agricultural tapestry. Local farmers cultivate an impressive array of produce, from fruits and vegetables to grains and livestock.

The region's rich biodiversity, recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage site, contributes to unique flavours in honey, fruit, vegetables, wine, craft beer and foods, seafoods, dairy and grains to tempt the palate.

Our regional gastronomic prowess extends beyond farming. A thriving fishing industry harvests a variety of seafood, while dairy farmers supply local cheese and yogurt makers.

The wine industry has gained international recognition, complemented by craft breweries and gin distilleries. Sustainable and eco-friendly practices are at the forefront, with many farmers adopting innovative, organic and regenerative agricultural practices. This commitment to sustainability extends to natural pest control and the preservation of the region's unique flora.

Local chefs and restaurants embrace this cornucopia of ingredients, creating diverse and ever-changing menus that cater to various dietary preferences. The region hosts several food and wine festivals, celebrating its culinary heritage and innovations.



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A UNESCO acknowledged designation not only recognises Overstrand Hermanus's gastronomic excellence but also highlights the interconnected nature of its food ecosystem, from farmers to chefs to the tourism industry, creating a vibrant and sustainable local economy.



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We welcome you.

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12 Aberdeen Street, Hermanus



**THE SCOTCH MALT  
WHISKY SOCIETY**

**Scottish Style Restaurant**

Whisky Lounge



## Char'd Grill & Wine Bar



**K**nown for its industrial and steam punk design, Char'd offers a unique dining experience. Supplied by artisanal butchers, the focus is on unusual and innovative cuts of beef, alongside old-time steak classics and a variety of scrumptious burgers. Conveniently located in the heart of the CBD.

**RESTAURANT DETAILS:** Market Street, Hermanus Waterfront

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 312 1986

**info@charhermanus.co.za**

**www.chardhermanus.co.za**

**OPENING HOURS:**

Monday to Saturday 11h00 – 21h30

Sunday from 11h00 – 21h00



## Pear Tree Restaurant



**T**he emphasis is on fresh, modern dishes at this cosy restaurant on the Hermanus Waterfront. Enjoy al fresco dining on the piazza with beautiful views stretching across Walker Bay. The menu is packed with healthy, flavourful dishes created with flair using seasonal ingredients. Open daily for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

**RESTAURANT DETAILS:** Hermanus Waterfront, Marine Drive, Hermanus

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 313 1224

**info@pear-tree.co.za**

**www.peartree-hermanus.co.za**

**OPENING HOURS:**

Monday to Saturday 09h00 – 21h00

Sunday 09h00 – 20h30





### THE ROCK

24A Still Street, New Harbour, Hermanus

**Opening Hours:** Seven days a week from 08h30 -21h00

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 312 2920

reservations@therockhermanus.co.za

**www.harbourrock.co.za**

*The Rock has been a favourite in Hermanus since 1997.*

*Enjoy great food and service in a spectacular setting overlooking the New Harbour.*



### FABIO'S RISTORANTE

St Peter's Lane, Hermanus

**Opening Hours:** Open seven days a week for Lunch and Dinner from 12h30 - 21h30.

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 313 0532

fablen@mweb.co.za • **www.fabios.co.za**

*Authentic Italian restaurant in the heart of the Hermanus CBD.*

*If you love la dolce vita, you'll love Fabio's, the Italian in St Peter's Lane for 17 years.*



21 Marine Drive Hermanus  
028 -314 0860  
[www.heritagrestaurant.co.za](http://www.heritagrestaurant.co.za)



## Ficks Pinchos and Wine



**H**ugging the cliffs, this outdoor restaurant at historic Ficks Tidal Pool offers breathtaking ocean views. Watch local children splash and play as you relax with drinks and savour freshly prepared Pinchos – tasty, curated small plates inspired by the cuisine of northern Spain. No reservations; seating on first-come basis.

**RESTAURANT DETAILS:** 8 Marine Drive, Westcliff, Hermanus

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 312 4082

[info@ficks.co.za](mailto:info@ficks.co.za)

[www.ficks.co.za](http://www.ficks.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:** (weather dependent)

**December to April:** Daily from 11h00 – 21h00

**May to November:** Sunday to Thursday 11h00 – 18h00;

Fridays and Saturdays 11h00 – 19h00



## La Pentola



**S**eafront restaurant with panoramic views across Walker Bay. Renowned Chef-Patron Shane Sauvage specialises in international cuisine with vibrant South African flavours. Expect warm hospitality, excellent service and innovative dishes, complimented by a Diners Club award-winning wine list. The menu caters for all dietary needs.

**RESTAURANT DETAILS:** 87 Marine Drive, Hermanus

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 313 1685 | +27 (0)65 928 9238

[reservations@lapentola.co.za](mailto:reservations@lapentola.co.za)

[www.lapentola.co.za](http://www.lapentola.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:**

Open Monday to Sunday for Lunch and Dinner





### DAL-ITALIA DELI

13 Aberdeen Street, Hermanus

**Opening Hours:** Open Monday to Friday 10h00 – 17h00;  
Saturday 10h00 – 15h00. Closed on Sundays.

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 313 0333

fablen@mweb.co.za

**www.dal-italia.co.za**

*Traditional, family-owned Italian Deli. Shelves packed with authentic Italian products, cheeses, cured meats, fresh pastas, wines and more. Daily lunch menu and selected Deli Dining evenings.*



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### BLACK MEDICINE

22A High Street, Hermanus

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Saturday 05h00 – 15h00  
Sundays 05h00 – 13h00

**Tel:** +27 (0)76 837 4231

*This quaint little coffee shop is a local gem. Dispensers of fine coffee in one of the prettiest streets in Hermanus. Famous for its decadent croissants and pastries, freshly prepared every morning using French butter.*



### FISHERMAN'S COTTAGE

3A Harbour Road, Hermanus

**Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday:** Dinner service from 17h00

**Friday & Saturday:** Lunch service from 12h00, **Sunday:** Closed

**Tel:** +27 (0)28 312 3642

admin@fishermanscottagerestaurant.co.za

**www.fishermanscottage.co.za**

*A cosy little gem of a restaurant in a traditional Hermanus cottage from the late 1800s, located in the centre of the Old Town.*



## Madré



**M**adré offers country cooking at its best. Located in the heart of Stanford village in a heritage cottage that breathes warmth and hospitality. Only local suppliers and the freshest of seasonal ingredients are used. The blackboard menu changes with the seasons and all the wines are exclusively from the Overberg, carefully selected to complement every dish. Available for private functions.

**RESTAURANT DETAILS:** 11 Queen Victoria Street, Stanford

**Tel:** +27 (0)76 585 1504

[morne.mtb@gmail.com](mailto:morne.mtb@gmail.com)

[www.madre-stanford.co.za](http://www.madre-stanford.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:**

Wednesday to Sunday Breakfast and Lunch



## Milk on the Beach



**S**ituated on the Onrus River Estuary, MILK enjoys panoramic views of the Blue Flag beach. A favourite spot among locals and visitors, it offers a wide range of innovative dishes, from breakfast to small plates, sushi, seafood and more. The menu also caters for vegetarians and vegans. The self-help Waffle Bar downstairs serves drinks and treats on the go. Child and dog-friendly.

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[www.milkonthebeach.co.za](http://www.milkonthebeach.co.za)

**OPENING HOURS:**

**Milk on the beach:** Monday to Sunday 08h00 – 20h00

**Waffle Bar at Milk:** Monday to Thursday 08h00 – 18h00;

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**MILK**  
ON THE BEACH

## Cheverells Farm



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**Tel:** +27 (0)60 861 1044  
cheverellsfarm@gmail.com  
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**RESTAURANT DETAILS:** R43, Bot River  
**Tel:** +27(0)28 284 9488  
vineyards@endlessgroup.co.za  
**www.wildeckrans.com**

**OPENING HOURS:** Wednesday to Sunday: Breakfast 08h00 – 11h00  
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**Tel:** +27 (0)28 341 0647

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## *From Home*

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small coastal village on the famous Cape Whale Coast, in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, or the country hamlets of Elgin, Bot River, Stanford, Greyton or Napier – you are always a stone's throw from everything.

And you are always surrounded by the splendour of nature. Take peaceful walks on the pristine beaches, or a more strenuous hike in one of the many nature reserves in the area, surrounded by breathtaking fauna and flora. Stroll through the towns' quaint little shops, art galleries, markets and coffee shops. Enjoy wonderful wines, superb cuisine, and warm hospitality.



***The Overberg beckons you to embrace a slower pace, where every moment is treasured.***

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**T**he Overberg is a veritable outdoor playground where adventure beckons around every corner. Immerse yourself in the natural splendour of the region by hiking, running or mountain biking through fynbos-clad valleys and mountains; swim, surf, bodyboard or kitesurf in the unspoilt ocean and estuaries.

Famous for its Marine Big 5 and ecotourism initiatives, the Cape Whale Coast attracts

visitors from far and wide to experience boat-based whale watching and shark-cage diving. For adrenaline junkies, the Overberg boasts the world's longest continuous zipline near Caledon, a 3km ride soaring through the air at heart-pounding speed; paragliding, quadbiking, kayaking and sandboarding are also on offer.

For those who are more inclined to take things easy, the hub of Hermanus and villages such as Kleinmond, Stanford and Greyton are filled with quaint coffee

shops, art galleries and markets where you can browse to your heart's content. Stroll along the cliff paths, take a chauffeured wine tour, relax over a leisurely multi-course lunch, take in the magnificent sunsets with a sundowner in hand ...

Whether you're seeking high-octane thrills or peaceful nature immersion, the Overberg has it all. It is not just a destination; it's an experience that rejuvenates body and soul.



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# Day Trips *in the Overberg*

**T**he Overberg region offers a diverse array of day trip opportunities ... From coastal adventures to cultural experiences, there's something for everyone in this picturesque corner of the Western Cape.

For nature enthusiasts, the Harold Porter National Botanical Garden in Betty's Bay showcases the region's fynbos vegetation. Nearby, the Stony Point Nature Reserve

offers a chance to observe endangered African penguins in their natural habitat.

Hermanus is world-renowned for its land-based whale watching from June to December. Take a cliff path walk for breathtaking views of Southern Right whales in Walker Bay.

History buffs can explore the Shipwreck Museum in Bredasdorp or the Drostdy Museum in Swellendam, South Africa's third oldest town. For a taste of

local life, visit charming farmers' markets in Stanford or Greyton.

No day trip would be complete without sampling the region's gastronomic offerings. Follow the Hermanus Wine Route, stopping at boutique wineries for tastings with spectacular views. End your day with fresh seafood at a coastal restaurant, watching the sun set over the Atlantic Ocean.



# This little Piggy *went to Market...*

**C**harming and authentic markets are an integral part of life in the Overberg, enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

**The Elgin Railway Market**, in a converted apple warehouse, offers a Steampunk-inspired experience with local vendors, retail, and live music. For an unforgettable adventure, take a Cape Town to Elgin

weekend return trip on an 80-year-old steam train with the Ceres Rail Company. The train's arrival at the station is a spectacle for all ages.

**The Hermanus Country Market** is a gathering place where community spirit, artisanal craftsmanship, and culinary delights converge. Held every Saturday, it showcases a wonderful selection of

locally-produced goods. Don't miss their Summer Night Markets on Wednesdays during December and January.

Other notable markets include **Greyton** and Stanford's Saturday morning markets, and **Stanford's Sunset Market** held every last Friday of the month (September-May) on the historic Village Green.



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# Celebrating *the Seasons*

**T**he Overberg buzzes year-round with vibrant festivals showcasing its natural beauty, rich culture, and local produce. From eco-marine celebrations and fynbos flower shows, to arts, outdoors, food and wine festivals, each offers a unique glimpse into the region's diverse character and warm hospitality.

The annual **Hermanus FynArts Festival** in June offers a 10-day programme packed with events that range from music performances, theatre, presentations and discussions, to workshops, culinary demonstrations, wine tastings and special food and wine events.

The **Hemel-en-Aarde's Celebration** of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on 25 January 2025 solidifies this region's position as South Africa's premier wine-growing area

for these two noble varieties. You'll get to experience the best of Hemel-en-Aarde in one spectacular day packed with activities.

Throughout the year, smaller town festivals, agricultural shows, and food and wine events pepper the Overberg calendar. From the **Greyton Rose & Garden Fair** in October to the **Napier Patatfees** celebrating the humble sweet potato in June, there's always something happening in the Overberg.



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# Preserving the Overberg's *Natural Heritage*

**T**he Overberg region, in the heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom, boasts nature reserves and conservation bodies dedicated to protecting its rich biodiversity. Protected areas offer diverse hiking opportunities, from easy walks suiting all ages to challenging multi-day treks for the more adventurous.

**Hermanus' Fernkloof Nature Reserve** features 60km of cared for trails

crisscrossing the Kleinrivier Mountains and breathtaking views of the coastline. The **Harold Porter Botanical Garden** in Betty's Bay provides picturesque picnic spots and shaded walkways leading to Disa Kloof, a haven for nature enthusiasts.

The **Walker Bay Nature Reserve**, a 17km stretch of pristine beach ideal for coastal hikes, starts near Gansbaai. Along this rugged coastline, visitors can explore limestone caves, and the Klipgat Cave, a place of archaeological importance.

The Overberg coastline hosts over 3 500 marine species. Walker Bay, a seasonal Marine Protected Area, serves as a crucial refuge for migrating Southern Right Whales from July to December. The area is known as one of the world's premier land-based whale-watching destinations, attracting visitors from across the globe. Taking a trip out to sea on a whale-watching boat for a close encounter with the Marine Big 5 is an unforgettable experience.



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