

50 Top places to visit in the Cape Winelands

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'Great wine requires a mad man to grow the vine, a wise man to watch over it, a lucid poet to make it, and a lover to drink it.' Salvador Dali




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Paarl 1
The valley of Paarl on the banks of the Berg River was first inhabited by Khoi-ka and San. Europeans first visited this area in 1657 but the first farm was granted only in 1687, making Paarl the third-oldest town in South Africa. In the early days it was renowned for its wagonbuilding, but today it is the headquarters of the South African wine industry. There are many historical wine farms to visit. It boasts the longest main road in South Africa (12 km) along which are some of the finest historical buildings in the country. **Location:** About 65 km from Cape Town on the N1 **Information:** <http://showme.co.za/paarl/tourismhistory-of-paarl/>



Paarl Rock 2
The Khoi-na called it Tortoise Mountain but this was later changed to Diamond and Pearl Mountain by Abraham Gabemma in 1657. It is the second-biggest rock in the world, made up of granite about 500 million years old. It lies within a nature reserve; day visitors are welcome. The summit (Bretagne Rock) is reached by a chain handrail. **Location:** Access from Jan Phillips Mountain Drive, off the Main Road **Information:** <http://www.campingandhiking.co.za/j2/index.php/hikes/day-hikes/paarl-rock-day-hike> **Price:** small fee



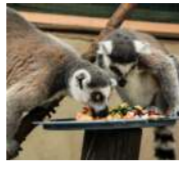
Taal Monument 3
This iconic sculpture celebrates one of Africa's youngest languages, Afrikaans. Rich in symbolism and beauty, it highlights the language's diverse origins, and is a meeting point for exciting music events, courses and sports. Set on the Paarl Mountain in a natural park, it offers visitors incredible views of the peninsula, valleys and mountains. Guests can bring picnics and drinks, and should not miss out on the popular Full Moon or Stargazing picnics - see website for more. An open-air gallery, playground, outdoor games and audio guides in six languages await, while its sister institution, the historic Taal Museum in Paarl, is well worth a visit. Covid-19 protocols are adhered to. Welkom & Wamkelekele! **Location:** Follow signs from Main Road. **Information:** www.taalmuseum.co.za/english/ • +27 (0)21 863 0543 / 872 3441 **Price:** small fee



Paarl Museum 4
This museum will take you back to the life and ways of the early settlers and the development of the Paarl valley. It is housed in a beautiful Cape Dutch manor house that dates back to 1699; the present restored house was rebuilt in 1787. This construction date is confirmed by the fine neoclassical front gable. The two end holboel gables are replacements built in 1939. **Location:** 303 Main Road **Information:** Tel: 021 872 2651 • <http://showme.co.za/paarl/tourism/paarl-museum-2/> **Price:** small fee



Waverley Hills 5
Waverley Hills is best known for producing national and international award winning organic wines with a unique style - Extremely smooth with soft ripe tannins and robust fynbos (garrigue) characteristic. We also produce olives in brine, air dried olives and a small amount of olive oil. We are also known for our unique balance of indigenous vegetation between our vineyards which provide food and a natural habitat for the indigenous fauna to flourish. Our Estate Range consists of Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc Semillon, Cabernet Sauvignon No Added Sulphites, Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz & Shiraz. Our Premium Range consists of Grenache Rosé, Chardonnay, Grenache, SMV (Rhine-style Blend), De Huisbosch (Bordeaux-style Blend), CW Reserve Shiraz & M **Location:** Off the R46 between Wolsley & Ceres **Information:** www.waverleyhills.co.za **Price:** free



Exotic Animal World 6
We care for over 700 small animals, from fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and invertebrates. No matter your interest, we have something for you to see! A large section of our unique sanctuary is a specially designed enclosed tropical garden (good for a rainy day). Here you can walk freely and engage with our roaming animals. With the exception of our owls, every animal you see at our sanctuary was rescued. We also have a restaurant. **Location:** R44, Adam Tas Street (near the intersection with the N1) **Information:** www.exoticanimalworld.co.za **Price:** small fee



Ridgeback 7
Ridgeback wines is a family owned small to medium sized fine wine estate located in the heart of the Cape Winelands on the foothills of Paarl Mountain. Ridgeback focuses on producing high quality red and white wines from 2 distinct ranges. The first range is our Lifestyle focused range called Lion Hound and the second our Premium range called Ridgeback. Having such a unique surrounding we are completely committed to produce terroir driven wines and work with cultivars best grown in our area. All of our grapes are hand harvested with a minimalistic approach to wine making ensuring only the highest quality wines get made. **Location:** Langverwach Farm, Noord Agter-Paarl Road, Windmeul, Paarl **Information:** Tel: 0218698068 • info@ridgeback.co.za • www.ridgebackwines.co.za **Price:** free



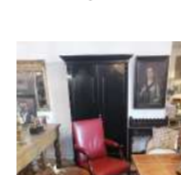
Druk My Niet Wine Estate 8
In the Boland, amongst the endearing fynbos and several species of proteas, you'll find a small 24ha boutique winery called Druk My Niet. This is where we make wine the environmentally friendly way. Our winery is situated in a biosphere reserve and we choose to use only sustainable farming methods. We're a proud member of the Biodiversity Initiative. Over the years our wine cellar has grown to an 80 tonne boutique winery with state of the art machinery and equipment. Our boutique wines are allowed to mature at their own pace and our self-catering cottages are there for you to relax and unwind. **Location:** Bodal Rd, Daljosafat, Paarl **Information:** www.dmnwines.co.za • Carlien@dmnwines.co.za • Tel: 021 8682393 **Price:** free



Anthonij Rupert Wine Estate 9
Anthonij Rupert Wynne was founded on the farm, L'Ormarins in Franschhoek. When visiting this prestigious farm, visitors can expect great hospitality, a wide variety of wine tasting options and pairings, antipasti bar featuring local and gourmet ingredients and a complimentary tram ride taking in the beautiful Estate vineyards and views of the Franschhoek Wine valley below. Wines are produced across 6 brands and presented as tutored tastings in 2 bespoke tasting rooms with ample outdoor spaces for Summer enjoyment. Visitors can also easily add on a visit to the Franschhoek Motor Museum from here. All visits are by appointment only. **Location:** R45 wine route Franschhoek **Information:** www.rupertwines.com **Price:** Free for tasting



Babylonstoren 10
This Cape Dutch farm with vineyards and orchards dates back to the 1600s and is set against the backdrop of the majestic Simonsberg Mountain. The main attraction besides the historical buildings and well-preserved waf is the large formally laid out fruit and vegetable garden, inspired by the original Company's Garden at the Cape. A conducted tour of the Garden can also be booked. Other attractions are the Green House Restaurant and the intricately designed wooden walkway known as the 'puffadder' which houses a collection of plants, with attention to detail everywhere. **Location:** Simondium Road, Klappmuts **Information:** www.babylonstoren.com • 021 863 3852 **Price:** small fee



Barn & Werf 11
Between the best of wine farms in the Franschhoek Valley, you will find Barn & Werf Décor. In this beautiful barn you will find an eclectic blend of handpicked antique and retro furniture, lighting and décor items. **Location:** The Barn, Groot Drakenstein Handelshuis, R45 Franschhoek Road, Simondium, Paarl **Information:** 084 670 6099 • wicki@barnandwerf.co.za www.facebook.com/barnandwerf/ **Price:** free

Golf Courses in the Winelands

1. Boschenmeer Golf Estate
 2. Pearl Valley Golf Estate
 3. Devonvale Golf Estate
 4. Kulsrivier Golf Club
 5. Stellenbosch Golf Club
 6. De Zalze Golf Estate
 7. Helderberg Village Golf Club
 8. Somerset West Golf Club
 9. Erinvale Golf Estate
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Le Bonheur Reptiles & Adventures 12
We aim to provide engaging experiences that nurture respect for the African Nile crocodile and other reptiles. view a basket of 200 crocs on 11 daily croc pond tours, swim next to these apex predators in our thrilling cage dive experience, and learn fascinating facts about local and exotic snakes on our weekend snake shows.' Le Bonheur is not all about excitement - our tranquil waterfront garden boasts a pizzeria, waterside braai's, catch and release fishing and row boating opportunities...truly an all round family fun destination. **Location:** Babylonstoren Road, Franschhoek **Information:** www.lebonheurcrocfarm.co.za **Price:** free



Franschhoek Village Market 13
Franschhoek Village Market, where locals meet! You can spend a day with family and friends under the historic Oak trees, enjoying upbeat live music and good times. Browse an exceptional selection of local fresh produce, delicatessens, craft beers, coffee brewers, and other treats. Or shop for unique hand craft, art, vintage clothing, and antiques - all carefully curated by us. Join us every Saturday from 9am to 3pm (weather permitting). **Location:** Huguenot Road in the centre of Franschhoek **Information:** www.franschhoekvillagemarket.co.za **Price:** free



Dieuonné Vineyards 14
Dieuonné is a boutique winery situated high on the steep south-west facing slopes of the Franschhoek Mountains. The unique terroir of the farm allow the grapes to produce a high natural acidity and the production of award winning red, white- and MCC wines. The views from Dieuonné is well-known amongst those who wish to identify the landmarks of Franschhoek or admire the sunset over Simonsberg. **Location:** Uitkyk Street, Franschhoek **Information:** www.dieudonnevineyards.com • Tel: +27 (0)21 224 0667 **Price:** free



Alluvia Wine Estate 15
For a unique winelands experience coupled with five star hospitality in the heart of the Banhoek Valley overlooking the Simonsberg Mountains. "Most photographed vineyard in Africa" Make a reservation to wine and dine at our onsite guest restaurant @ Alluvia, in true South African Cape Malay style presented by our acclaimed Chef Shaun Schoeman and his team. Alternatively, have a wine tasting in our "wine lounge" where you will get to savour our award winning Cabernet Sauvignon, Cab Franc or Sauvignon Blanc. For those who want to be pampered in true style, the @ Alluvia Spa will definitely leave you feeling refreshed and revived. **Location:** Old Paarl Road, Paarl **Information:** www.alluvia.co.za • +27 21 885 1661 **Price:** free



Le Franschhoek Hotel and Spa 16
Set amid the Winelands countryside, this Cape Dutch-style hotel is 4.1 km from the Mountain Catchment Area and 4.7 km from the town centre. The sophisticated rooms feature heated floors, TVs, Wi-Fi (free), and tea and coffeemaking equipment. Upgraded rooms add sleeping lofts or balconies, and sitting areas with mountain or vineyard views, while suites add espresso machines and 4-poster beds. Villas offer lounges, kitchenettes and patios. There's a high-end restaurant and stylish bar/lounge areas with terraces. Other amenities include an outdoor pool, tennis courts and a tranquil wellness spa. **Location:** 16 Minor Rd, Franschhoek **Information:** www.lefranschhoek.co.za • 021 876 8900



Paradise Stables 17
Take a scenic ride through vineyards, forests, and over mountains, stopping at the Ricketty Bridge Winery and Mont Rochelle before returning to the stables. The total riding time is around 2 hours and 30 minutes, with 30-45 minute stops at each wine estate. Both beginners and experienced riders are welcome. Regrettably, only supervised children above 12 years are allowed on the ride. **Location:** Robertsvlei road, Franschhoek **Information:** www.paradisestables.co.za • To book your ride phone 021 876 2160 or email sternahugo@outlook.com **Price:** free



Franschhoek Pass 18
This pass was once called Oliphants Pad because it was first used by elephants. It was one of the earliest passes used by the Europeans to get over the 'Mountains of Africa'. The first rudimentary pass was built by a local contractor in 1819 and named 'Cats' Pass after him. A later pass was commissioned by Lord Charles Somerset and built by 150 soldiers of the Royal Africa Corps. Opened in 1825, it is the oldest engineered pass in South Africa. On the Villiersdorp side you can still cross over the oldest stone arch bridge in South Africa. **Location:** Over the mountain between Franschhoek and Villiersdorp **Information:** www.samountainpasses.co.za **Price:** free



Assegaibosch Nature Reserve 19
One kilometre before the main gate to Jonkershoek Nature Reserve is a delightful small getaway spot for nature lovers. The first settlers were granted land here in 1692. The attractions are oak trees planted in 1817, a historical homestead built in 1790 with a wolf's nose (wolf's nose) gable and the Erste River. This is the gentler version of the Jonkershoek Reserve (in which it is actually incorporated), great for picnics, braais, easy walking trails, waterfalls and rivers to swim in. **Location:** 9 km up the Jonkershoek valley from Stellenbosch **Information:** www.capenature.co.za/reserves/assegaibosch-nature-reserve/ **Price:** small fee

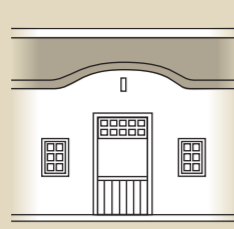


Helshoogte Pass 20
'Hell's Heights' is one of the oldest passes in the Cape, built in 1854 to connect Stellenbosch and the Drakenstein Valley. It replaced an even older pass called Banghoek (scary corner) Pass, so named because wild animals were known to frighten local travellers. The saddle that separates Stellenbosch from the Jonkershoekberge is under fruit and vineyards. The village of Priel was established in 1842 as a mission settlement for released slaves after the abolition of slavery at the Cape. Cecil John Rhodes established the Rhodes fruit business in this area when the phylloxera epidemic in the 1880s virtually wiped out vineyards across the world. **Location:** R310, between Stellenbosch and Franschhoek Valley **Information:** www.sa-venues.com/attractions/w/helshoogte-pass.htm **Price:** free

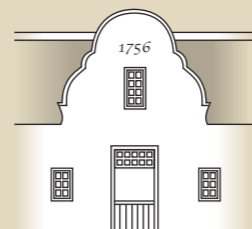


Jonkershoek Nature Reserve 21
Just above Stellenbosch is a deep valley flanked by Jonkershoek Mountain on the left and Stellenboschberg on the right. This valley was named after Jan de Jonkheer who was granted the use of the land by Simon van der Stel in the 1600s. Today this area is run by CapeNature. Part of the valley is under plantation with numerous trails and forestry roads; the rest is nature at its best with peaks, valleys, waterfalls, rivers and Afromontane forests. The main attractions are hiking and finding a mountain pool for a well-deserved swim. **Location:** 10 km from Stellenbosch up the Jonkershoek valley **Information:** www.capenature.co.za/reserves/jonkershoek-nature-reserve/ • Tel: 021 483 0190 **Price:** small fee

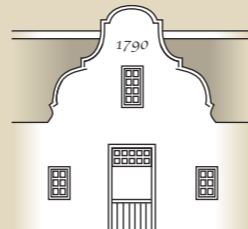
Basic Information on Cape Dutch Gables



Wolfsneus Gable
 'Wolf's nose' gables were the first front gables to be designed and built as a functional 'eyebrow' over a dormer window (to provide light for the loft) above the front door. From this humble gable, based on the medieval architecture of the Netherlands, the style of Cape Dutch gables grew into one of the most recognisable 'settler' architectures in the world.
Example: Bokenhoutskloof in Franschhoek and the Cottage at Assegaaibosch Nature Reserve



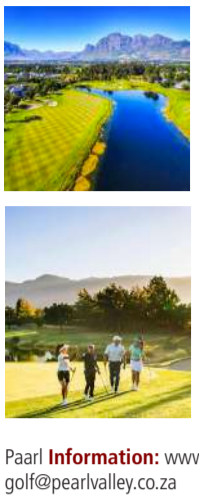
Bolbol Gable
 By the mid-1750s, the gables at the Cape had reached their full height, a reflection of the prosperity of the time. From then on, gables would be defined by whether the edge was concave or convex in shape. In the case of the bolbol gable, there was a distinct repeat of the rounded convex shape. Besides allowing light into the loft, gables also allowed escape from the front door if the roof caught fire.
Example: Joostenberg near Middlerslei (private)



Holbol Gable
 The holbol gable was a natural progression from the earlier bolbol gable as the fashion of the day was moving towards the baroque style. Its defining feature was a mix of convex and concave edges. As this style of gable moved into the baroque influence more sweeping curves, swirls and flourishes were incorporated, ornamentation was added and moulding intruded the gable face for the first time. This style of gable defined the later part of the 1700s crossing over into the neoclassical period. (The fashionable style used in Europe could take up to 25 years before it was used at the Cape)
Early example: Old Wine Cellar at Spier
Late example: Hazendal on Bottellary Road



Neoclassical Gable
 This was the last of the Cape Dutch gable styles before the Second British Occupation of the Cape in 1806. The style could be defined as singularly elegant, restrained and dignified, with minimal ornamentation between the gable eaves. Gable-caps might contain urns. The concave shape was generally used and, in some cases, a straight edge. A strongly defined pediment and pilaster are defining features. The pediment could be triangular, rounded or sculpted.
Examples: Zeeuwacht, Muratie, Vergelegen and La Motte



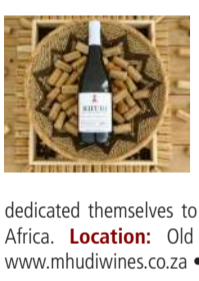
Pearl Valley Golf Estate ²²
 Arguably the most scenic course in the Southern Hemisphere, Pearl Valley, a Jack Nicklaus's signature course is located between the magnificent Simonsberg and Drakenstein Mountain Ranges. Vineyards and orchards surround this impressive course and the scenic Berg River flows through its centre. US Masters Champion Trevor Immelman has said that "the fairways at Pearl Valley are some of, if not the best, he has ever played on. Visitors will be please to know that play here is open to the public. However, it is highly recommended that you book your tee-off times ahead to avoid disappointment. Facilities include a bar, carts, buggies and clubs for hire. There is also a driving range, hallway house with delicious food, locker facilities, a putting green and shower facilities. **Location:** Pearl Valley Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course, R301, Wemmershoek Rd, Stellenbosch
Paarl Information: www.pearlvalley.co.za • Bookings Tel: 021 867 8000 • Email: golf@pearlvalley.co.za



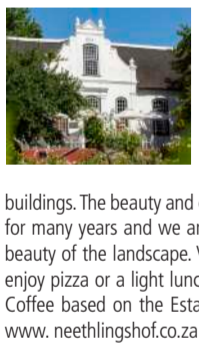
Rust en Vrede ²³
 Since 1694 Rust en Vrede has stood peacefully among the vineyards of Stellenbosch. Our focus on Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah allows us to produce the highest quality, full-bodied wines that reflect our Stellenbosch terroir. All our wines are Estate grown, made and bottled. Our full range of wines is available for tasting at our Tasting Room. We also offer visitors to the Estate two food and wine experiences. Join us for a casual al fresco winemaker's lunch at our Tasting Room. Alternatively, visit our fine dining Restaurant for a six-course menu with wine pairing for authentic Winelands hospitality. **Location:** Annadale Road, Stellenbosch **Information:** rustenvrede.com • +27 21 881 3881 **Price:** free



De Warenmarket ²⁴
 De Warenmarket is situated in a cherished 18th century historical building at the heart of Stellenbosch's vibrant cultural district. Our Restaurant and Wine bar offers both South African dishes to classic European pairings, an eclectic selection of food and drink inspired by the Cape of Good Hope's legacy as a trade post along this historical maritime route. From breakfast through dinner, fresh oysters, traditional South African fare, and our proudly Stellenbosch wine list you can enjoy, will leave you spoilt for choice. **Location:** Cnr Ryneveld & Plain Street, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.dewarenmarket.com • Tel: +27 21 883 2274 **Price:** free



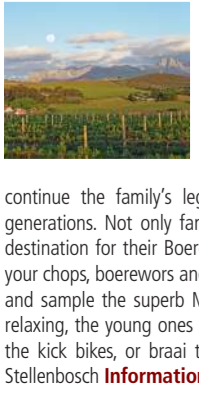
M'hudi Boutique Family Wines ²⁵
 A black-owned South African farm, home to quality, international award winning wines and family hospitality. M'hudi is derived from the seTswana word, "Mhudi" which means harvester. A great African tale of a heroine, named M'hudi, who held her war torn home in search of a new beginning. The Rangaka family has dedicated themselves to making great wine and fulfilling the promise of South Africa. **Location:** Old Paarl Road, Koelhof, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.mhudiwines.co.za • Tel: +27 711 237 9016 **Price:** R 40.00



Neethlingshof Estate ²⁶
 Neethlingshof Estate lies just outside Stellenbosch in the heart of the Cape Winelands. An iconic avenue of imposing stone pines marks the entrance to the farm, leading to the traditional "werf" of the estate. Established more than 300 years ago, Neethlingshof Estate boasts some of the best preserved traditional Cape Dutch buildings. The beauty and charm of the farm and surrounds have been vowing visitors for many years and we are very focused on maintaining and enhancing the natural beauty of the landscape. Visit our tasting room for tastings, pairings and cellar tour, enjoy pizza or a light lunch in the wine garden or treat yourself to a coffee from 18 Coffee based on the Estate. **Location:** Polkadraai Rd, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.neethlingshof.co.za • 021 883 8988 **Price:** free



Juvenate Conscious Eatery ²⁷
 For visitors who are conscious about healthy ethical sustainable food, look no further than Juvenate Conscious Eatery a tropical oasis in the Cape Winelands. We are located on the picturesque, historical Dorp Street with a cosy inside area with a warm and joyful atmosphere. Vegan and vegetarian foods are our main focus with gluten free options available on all meals. We also take pride in our freshly pressed juices, smoothies, smoothie bowls, sandwiches, and have an extensive breakfast and lunch menu. We are also famous for our beautiful coffee/latte art. We are pet friendly so don't hesitate to bring the other members of the family. **Location:** 145 Dorp Street, Stellenbosch Central **Information:** Tel 064 688 9375 • www.juvenate-eatery.co.za • www.facebook.com/JuvenateEatery/



Middelvei Wines Estate ²⁸
 Middelvei Wines is known for its hospitality and farm atmosphere, perfect for young and old. Throughout the years Middelvei's wines have won numerous awards, thereby upholding the quality and tradition of this family farm. By producing quality wines, brothers Tinnie and Ben Momberg continue the family's legacy of winemaking that has lasted over three generations. Not only famous for their wines, Middelvei is also a popular destination for their Boerebraai lunches. Their resident braai expert prepares your chops, boerevors and chicken kebabs to perfection, as you sit back, relax and sample the superb Middelvei wines on offer. Whilst Mom and Dad are relaxing, the young ones can feed the farm animals, enjoy the open space on the kick bikes, or braai their own marshmallows. **Location:** Flamingo St, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.middelvei.co.za



Old Nectar ²⁹
 Old Nectar is a world-renowned heritage garden extending over four hectares and surrounded by soaring peaks of the Jonkershoek Mountains. Its remarkable variety of indigenous and exotic trees provide the shade and tranquillity that make the manicured lawns and secluded garden nooks so popular for family picnics and romantic moments. With a stately Cape Dutch manor as the centrepiece, water features and abundant displays of fragrant and unusual flowers delight the senses. Old Nectar became famous as the residence of the late gardening icon Una van der Spuy, whose family has lived here since 1941. Open daily to the public, Old Nectar offers garden tours and regularly hosts art exhibitions, intimate concerts and small private functions. Wheelchair and pet friendly. **Location:** Jonkershoek Valley, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.oldnectar.com • www.oldnectar.com **Price:** small fee



Devon Valley Road ³⁰
 Part of the pleasure of visiting the Winelands comes from turning up roads that take you off the beaten track and may lead to interesting discoveries. Look out for side roads marked with signs that end with *pad* (Afrikaans for 'road') to start try the area around Devon Valley Road, Stellenrust Road and Stellenbosch Valley Road. **Location:** See map **Information:** www.geoscience.org.za



Winelands Light Railway ³¹
 What a fun day out for the whole family with the main attraction being the 1/5th scale steam engines and coaches which take you on a ride around the farm, over a bridge and through a tunnel. The park area is great for a picnic (can bring your own) and there are also jungle gyms, a refreshment centre and a unique tractor museum. **Location:** 1941, R304, Stellenbosch 062 206 1906 • www.winelandsrail.co.za **Price:** Small fee



Kleine Zalze ³²
 Kleine Zalze, owned by the Basson family since 1996, produces wines of outstanding quality in combination with a lifestyle estate that affords guests and residents an authentic winelands experience. The Stellenbosch estate produces wines by traditional methods with minimal cellar intervention but supported by modern equipment. Visit Kleine Zalze for wines that are discernibly South African in style, but classic in structure with layers of complexity and flavour intensity. We offer a variety of wine tasting options as well as an excellent restaurant, serving small dishes as well as plats du jour, in a tranquil and safe environment. **Location:** R44 Strand, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.kleinezalze.co.za **Price:** free



Warwick Estate ³³
 Welcome to Warwick Estate. Some see us as an award-winning Stellenbosch wine farm. And that we are! But more importantly we're a team of farmers, winemakers, accountants, cellar hands, and hosts, who prize quality in every facet of our work. We understand that life is busy, and when you take a gap to relax, you deserve a little class in your glass. When it comes to wine pairings, the old saying says, "Foods that grow together go together." Nothing could be truer of the wines we make and the dishes we serve! Whether it's a stylish breakfast in the forest courtyard (it's never too early for MCCI!), a mid-week Flammükchen straight from the fire, or one of our spectacularly decadent picnics, the Warwick Kitchen gives you umpteen reasons to test out that old adage! **Location:** R44, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.warwickwine.com **Price:** free



Wonderdal at Hazendal wine estate ³⁴
 Wonderdal offers an immersive and interactive education experience, blending creative design, award-winning educational resources and world-class technology, to combine learning with play. At Wonderdal children aged 5-13 can discover the worlds of science, nutrition and nature across a variety of indoor and outdoor activity zones. Wonderdal's colourful world of creativity and learning is ideal for family-friendly adventures in the winelands, as well as school groups wanting to develop life skills and broaden the learning experience in the worlds of science and nature. Wonderdal has also become a popular venue for kids' birthday parties. All parties are accompanied by party hosts, so parents can relax and be part of the festivities or, if the kids want their own fun, parents can discover all that Hazendal Wine Estate has to offer from its historical Manor house, art galleries, restaurants, deli, bakery and a unique classic car collection. **Location:** Hazendal Wine Estate, Bottellary Road, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.wonderdal.co.za • Tel: 021 205 5624 **Price:** free



Vergenoegd Löw Wine Estate ³⁵
 In 1696 land was granted to Pieter de Vos beside the Eerste River which he named Vergenoegd (meaning content & cheerful). This was one of the first wine farms to be established in the wine lands. It was in 1773 that a new owner transformed the manor house to an unusual incomplete 'H' shape and added the magnificent Baroque gable dated 1773. After one more owner it passed into the Faure family and remained this way for six generations before it was purchased by Professor Dr Peter Löw in 2015. 1600 Indian Runner Ducks handle the eco-friendly pest management program. This allows Vergenoegd Löw to carry the WWF-SA Conservation Champion status. **Location:** R102, Faure, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.vergenoegd.co.za • Tel: 021 843 3248 **Price:** free



Seven Sisters ³⁶
 Seven Sisters Vineyards, established in 2005, is the family celebration of the seven biological Brutus sisters and brother, hailing from Paternoster. Situated in the Welmoed valley of Stellenbosch along the Eerste River, the 100% black-owned family-run vineyard boasts immaculate views, sunsets and a tasting room paying homage to the roots of the Brutus family. Authentic home-style cuisine and wine pairing embodies the marriage of two South African narratives in seek of social reform and equity. It is the home of the Seven Sisters wines as well as the Brutus Family Reserve range and promises an inclusive, intimate, and familial environment for guests to experience and enjoy. **Location:** 468/132 Welmoed Road, Lynedoch **Information:** http://www.sevensisters.co.za +27.218791996 **Price:** free



Stellenbosch Toy Museum ³⁷
 This unique toy museum is housed in an 18th-century Cape Dutch parsonage. What makes it unique is that most of the toys and settings are of South African origin, many made locally in Stellenbosch. There is a strong leaning towards Cape Winelands and Karoo themes. The highlights are many, but the working scaled-down version of the famous Blue Train and the world's smallest kitchen must be seen to be believed. **Location:** 42 Market Street **Information:** www.getaway.co.za/travel-ideas/things-to-do/toy-miniature-museum-stellenbosch/ • 021 882 8861 **Price:** small fee



Helderberg Nature Reserve ³⁸
 This reserve is located on the southern slopes of the Helderberg overlooking False Bay. Close to the main gate is a lawn area where one can relax over a picnic and kids can play games in a safe setting, and a restaurant for visitors. Just above this area is an easy nature trail with wooden boardwalks and 613 plant species. For the more adventurous this is the gateway to the lofty heights of the Helderberg. **Location:** Helderberg Nature Reserve Road, Somerset West **Information:** www.helderbergnaturereserve.co.za • Tel: 021 851 4060 **Price:** small fee



Rupert Museum ³⁹
 The Rupert Museum is home to a superb collection of Modern South African art collected from 1940 to early 2000s by the late Dr Anton Rupert and his wife Huberte Rupert. The museum also manages the Rembrandt van Rijn collection of more contemporary South African art and the Huberte Gooite collection, featuring Modern French tapestries and Italian paintings and sculpture. The Make/Studio and event lawn, active library and vibrant Museum Café are open for all to enjoy. **Location:** Stella Italia Rd, Stellenbosch **Information:** 021 888 3344 • www.rupertmuseum.org **Price:** free



Guardian Peak ⁴⁰
 Found on the slopes of the Helderberg with magnificent views of the towering Guardian Peak across the valley our winery was founded in 1998 by Jean Engelbrecht, who combined his knowledge of international wine markets with his experience at his family wine estate in Stellenbosch to create a range of everyday-drinking, fresh and approachable wines. At Guardian Peak, our Live with Wine philosophy is built on our firm belief that wine and food should be inseparable in our daily diet. We present our wines in a relaxed restaurant setting, where wine with food is our focus. Breath-taking views along with a selection of good wine and food provide an ideal setting for an unforgettable experience. **Location:** Annadale Road, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.guardianpeak.com **Price:** free



Stellenbosch Village Museum ⁴¹
 In the heart of Stellenbosch you will find a remarkable cluster of buildings all within one street block that have survived hundreds of years and two great fires, one in 1710 and another in 1803. The latter devastating fire destroyed 42 buildings, a third of the town at that stage. With a bit of fate and luck, this complex of four houses that have survived and been lovingly restored and maintained, reflect different periods of settler architecture, furniture and lifestyle from 1680 to 1830. The Schreuderhuis, a simple pioneer house, is the oldest restored town house in South Africa. Blettermanhuis, with an H-shaped ground plan, is a gabled house reflecting the period of the 1750 economic boom at the Cape. Grosvenor House, built between 1782 and 1803, is one of the best examples of a two-storey flat-roofed house of the period, while the OM Berghuis is typical of the period 1850 to 1870. **Location:** 37 Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch Centre **Information:** www.stelmus.co.za/village_museum.htm • 021 887 2937 **Price:** small fee



Cheetah Outreach ⁴²
 Today there are approximately 6,700 cheetahs left in the world with only about 1,326 cheetahs in South Africa – a depressing picture. Shriveling habitat, dwindling of natural prey, and conflict with human activities are the primary causes of this critical situation. Cheetah Outreach's mandate is to promote the survival of the free-ranging southern African cheetah through environmental education and conservation initiatives. Visitors are welcome to get up close to these magnificent creatures as well as to beat-fared foxes and meerkats. The entrance fee is small but to stroke and pet a cheetah will cost a bit more. You can also meet the Anatolian shepherd guard dogs that are helping save the cheetah. **Location:** Paardeveld, De Beers Ave, Somerset West (near Somerset Mall) **Information:** www.cheetah.co.za **Price:** small fee



VOC Kruihuys ⁴³
 Stellenbosch, founded as a settlement in 1679, had its own burgher commandos to protect it. Before the Kruihuys was built to store guns and ammunition, the burghers had to go to Cape Town for military training and military supplies were delivered to Stellenbosch once a year. In 1777 the Kruihuys was built because of the political turbulence of the time. (Stellenbosch was the second line of defence if Cape Town was taken) This is the only remaining powder magazine in the country dating from the days of the Dutch East India Company. Today it is a museum housing a collection of firearms, cannons and military uniforms. **Location:** Bloem Street, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.stelmus.co.za/voc_kruihuys.htm 021 887 2937 **Price:** small fee



Dorp Street ⁴⁴
 Dorp Street has one of the longest rows of historical buildings in any major town in southern Africa. This quaint oak-lined street oozes history and old-world charm. There are fine examples of Cape Dutch architecture dating back to the beginning of the colony and Cape Georgian examples from the 1800s. The latter were originally Cape Dutch in style, but because of changing fashion the gables and thatch were replaced with flat roofs and they became double-storeyed. Today the street is geared for visitors, with boutiques, antique and souvenir shops and a number of well-known restaurants. **Location:** Dorp Street, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.geoscience.org.za **Price:** free



Heritage Garden ⁴⁵
 This garden in the grounds of an agricultural research centre is not widely known, but for lovers of history and horticulture it is a fascinating place to visit, as all the trees and other plants in the garden have historical, scientific or religious associations. Some are in fact offspring of famous trees, such as one from Isaac Newton's apple tree, a willow that originates from Napoleon's grave on St Helena and a mulberry tree descended from one planted by Shakespeare at his home in Stratford-upon-Avon. **Location:** ARC-Infruitec/Nietvoorbij, Banghoek Road, Stellenbosch • Tel: 021 809 3100 **Price:** free



Cavalli ⁴⁶
 With award-winning wine, cuisine, design, architecture, indigenous gardens and art, Cavalli Estate has quickly become a recognised South African lifestyle brand with the estate's development on the R44 being widely regarded as a significant event for the Cape Winelands. Stretched across 100 Hectares of prime land located in the prestigious Helderberg region of Stellenbosch, the estate boasts 26 hectares of vineyards, 10 hectares of indigenous fynbos gardens, a contemporary restaurant, 350-seater function venue, wine-tasting facility, retail contemporary art gallery, luxury boutique and a world class equestrian facility. **Location:** Strand Rd, Somerset West **Information:** 021 855 3218 • www.cavalliestate.com **Price:** free



Yonder Hill ⁴⁷
 Yonder Hill is situated on the scenic Route 44 wine route near Stellenbosch. The farm's newly renovated tasting room walks out onto our beautiful gardens with breathtaking views of the vineyards sloping up to Helderberg Mountain. Here you can taste world class Merlot, Bordeaux blends, Rosé and white wine served with delicious food pairings. Not to forget we also have an Ankoale craft beer and barista coffee. What makes Yonder Hill unique is that we breed Ankoale Longhorn cattle from Uganda. Come and enjoy your time on Yonder Hill with our fun, new kids play area or book yourself into our top class guesthouse! **Location:** R44, Somerset West, Raitby **Information:** Tel: 021 855 1008 • www.yonderhill.co.za **Price:** free



Avontuur Estate ⁴⁸
 Avontuur Estate, nestled against the Helderberg Mountain between the popular towns of Stellenbosch and Somerset West, is where one can expect to be captivated by the exquisite views over False Bay and the iconic Table Mountain whilst being enthralled by the magnificent backdrop of the Helderberg Mountain Range. Add to this a vista graced with our prided racehorses, Avontuur is known for our fine wine, exquisite food, fast horses and a picturesque setting for an unforgettable and picture-perfect wedding setting of your dreams. Conveniently, our newly refurbished historic Manor House adds comfort to the equation for anyone looking for accommodation in style and comfort whilst enjoying the Cape Winelands to its fullest. **Location:** R44, Somerset West **Information:** enquiries@avontuurestate.co.za • Tel: 021 855 3450



De Trafford Winery ⁴⁹
 De Trafford Winery is situated on the beautiful Mont Fleur farm set at the top of a dramatic valley above Stellenbosch, 380m up between the Stellenbosch and Helderberg mountains, right at the end of the Blaauwklip road, between Stellenbosch and Somerset West. A true hidden gem producing low volume, high quality wines in a minimum intervention style. The Sha vineyard is surrounded by natural fynbos which acts like a protective barrier from pests, allowing gentle and organic interventions while preserving the natural beauty. **Information:** Open for tastings on weekdays by appointment and on Saturdays from 10am-3pm Tel: 021 8801611 • Email: info@detrufford.co.za



Spier ⁵⁰
 What does 300 years of winemaking heritage taste like? Find out when you sample Spier's accoladed vintages at the lakeside Tasting Room. Then enjoy a picnic on your sun-dappled Welf, pre-book or pick from the wholesome, delicious options at Spier Farm Café to build your own. The farm is your playground. Explore the pastures and vineyards on foot, bike or Segway. Encounter art – from soaring sculptures to contemporary canvases. Let the kids play in the Elemental Play Garden or take them to meet raptors at Eagle Encounters rehabilitation centre. After a soothing treatment at the Spier Spa, rest your head at the Hotel which offers cosy country-style accommodation – along with swimming pools for summer and blazing fires for winter. **Location:** R310, Baden Powell Drive, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.spier.co.za **Price:** free