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Cape Winelands



'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



ne valley of Paarl on the banks of the Berg River was first nhabited by Khoi-na and San. Europeans first visited this area n 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/



is museum will take you back to the life and ways of the early ettlers and the development of the Paarl valley. It is housed in beautiful Cape Dutch manor house that dates back to 1699; present restored house was rebuilt in 1787. This construction date is confirmed by the fine neoclassical front gable. The two end holbol gables are replacements built in 1939. Location: 303 Main Road Information: Tel: 021 872 2651 • http://



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/jl2/index.php/



hikes/day-hikes/paarl-rock-day-hike Price: small fee

This farm was established in 1691 and remains one of the oldest operational wine farms in South Africa. In historical architectural circles it is ranked as one of the best examples of a Cape Dutch farm and werf (farmyard). In its long history it has stopped producing wine only once when the phylloxera

epidemic of 1885 devastated vineyards worldwide, so Laborie turned to growing watermelons for its survival. Enjoy wine tasting and a meal at the restaurant. Location: Taillefer Street, near the beginning of the Main Road **Information:** laboriewines.co.za **Price:** free



Taal Monument 5

A unique monument designed by architect Jan van Wijk and built in 1975 is dedicated to Africa's youngest language, Afrikaans - a fusion of European, African and Asian languages. Located on Paarl Mountain, this living sculpture's design is rich in symbolism. Discover the monument

and tranguil natural surrounds with a multilingual audio tour or take a guided tour. The family restaurant has incredible views, and wonderful events are frequently hosted at the monument. There is also an informative Taalmuseum in Paarl itself, filled with beautiful historical artefacts. **Location:** Follow the signs from Main Road. Information: www.taalmuseum.co.za/ english • 021 863 0542/3 Price: small fee



Mont Rochelle 6

Nature Reserve nountain is part of a UNESCO-declared Cape Winelands Biosphere Reserve with

to a strenuous seven-hour trail that takes you up to 1575 metres. Remember to purchase a permit and map in Franschhoek from the Huguenot Museum Shop, Franschhoek Tourism Office, Protea Hotel or Winelands Experience, Location: Top of Franschhoek Pass on the left **Information:** www.montrochellehiking.co.za





This farm was granted by Simon van der Stel in 1693 and was originally named Cauliflower Fountain. Wine was first produced here in 1699. This farm, like many in the wine business, has had a chequered history; only since 1937 under the Back family has the farm become successful. Besides great wine, what has made this farm well known is the pairing of

wine with their award-winning cheeses. Cheese production had its beginning with the expansion of their dairy goat herd in the early 1980s. The famous Goat Tower has always been a delight to visitors, especially kids (human ones too!) **Location:** Suid-Agter Paarl Road, Paarl Information: www.fairview.co.za • 021 863 2450 Price: free



Once named Victor Verster Prison, it would not have been on the tourist map, except for one reason: many people stop now to view the larger-than-life statue at its entrance. It was from here that Nelson Mandela walked free in 1990 after 27 years of incarceration, the last three years of which he spent in this prison. Tokyo Sexwale commissioned sculptor Jean Doyle to create the

bronze statue. Behind the statue, towards the gate, there is a ceremonial flagpole, and on the ground lie 27 rocks, one for each year that Mandela was in prison. Location: Between Paarl and Franschhoek, on the R301 **Information**: http://www.theguardian.com/travel/2003/jan/ 19/southafrica.observerescapesection Price: free to view from the entrance (Tours of Mandela's 'gilded cage' are in the pipeline.)



Pearl Mountain was originally settled by a blacksmith, Johann Jost Gunterlock, in 1747, just off the wagon trail which meandered along what is today the farm's eastern boundary. Gunterlock's original buildings now house Blacksmith's Kitchen, and predate the Cape Dutch manor house by almost a century. It has been run as a working farm since 1752. Bought

by Gideon Jacobus Retief in 1873 for the princely sum of 1200 Pounds, five generations later, the farm is still owned and run by the Retief family. **Location**: Northern Paarl, access via Bo Lang Street from Paarl Main Rd. Information: www.pearlmountain.co.za • 021 870 1550 **Price**: free entrance



Huguenot Monument 10

This monument in Franschhoek is dedicated to the Huguenots who emigrated from France to escape religious persecution and settled in the area in the late 1600s and early 1700s. This small group of refugees had a lasting influence on South African history and its wine industry. The monument was built in 1945 but the official opening only took place on the

17 April 1948. The monument complex is made up of the Saasveld building (with its own unique story), Annex, Perfume Museum and the Monument itself which is full of rich symbolism. **Location**: East end of Huguenot Road (the main road through Franschhoek) **Information:** www.hugenoot.org.za **Price:** small fee



Franschhoek 11

This little corner tucked away in the Cape Fold Mountains has become one of the most sought-after addresses for the rich and famous, and a 'must visit' for any tourist. It was first called Olifantshoek (Elephants' Corner) because of the herds that roamed here. In 1688 it became home to 176 French Huguenots so the name changed to Franschhoek (French

Corner). The town is famous for its wine farms, Cape Dutch architecture, scenery, cultural events and old-world charm. Location: 75 km from Cape Town Information: www.franschhoek.co.za Price: free



Le Lude Wine Farm (2)

Le Lude, a wine farm in the picturesque Franschhoek Valley of South Africa's Western Cape, follows an ethos committed to its founding family and the crafting of naturally bottle-fermented sparkling wines, known as Cap Classique, Here the Barrow famly have made their home, writing a new chapter in a premier wine region. Today Le Lude builds on this important vinous tra-

dition by specialising in Cap Classique, ensuring that grapes expressing site and terroir are coaxed into a premium product of unrivalled excellence. Innovation in the cellar and the restless, un-comprising pursuit of perfection in the bottle have made Le Lude one of the world's most exciting new producers of Cap Classique, a wine becoming internationally renowned for finesse, elegance and refinement. Location: Bowling Green Ave, Lambrechts Rd, Franschhoek **Information** www.lelude.co.za • info@lelude.co.za



Anthonij Rupert Estate (3)

This estate is the result of the coming together of the historical L'Omarins wine estate and the neighbouring property purchased from Graham Beck. Jean Roi established the first vineyards on L'Omarins in 1694 and named the farm after a village in Provence. It was only late in the 1700s that the magnificent H-shaped homestead was built. The manor house,

furnished in the style of the mid-nineteenth century is home to one of the estate's two tasting rooms, in which their excellent wines can be sampled. The second, the impressive modern Terra del Capo tasting room, is situated near the entrance to the property. Location: R45, Franschhoek Information: www.rupertwines.com Price: fee for tasting



Golf Courses in the Winelands

. Boschenmeer Golf Estate

2. Pearl Valley Golf Estate

. Devonvale Golf Estate

. Stellenbosch Golf Club

8. Somerset West Golf Club

. Helderberg Village Golf Club

4. Kuilsrivier Golf Club

6. De Zalze Golf Estate

9. Erinvale Golf Estate

Franschhoek Motor Museum (14)

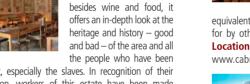
Situated on L'Ormarins Estate, the Franschhoek Motor Museum is one of the gems of the Franschhoek valley and a must for all car enthusiasts. The impressive collection of over 280 vehicles (consisting of bicycles, motorcycles and automobiles) spans the last 100 years. The collection is the best display in South Africa of the evolution of the

automobile. The selection of 80 cars on view at any one time is rotated every 6 months. A complimentary San Francisco-style tram transports guests to the neighbouring Anthonij Rupert Estate for wine tasting and lunch. Information: www.fmm.co.za



This estate is unique in that

part of it, especially the slaves. In recognition of their contribution, workers of this estate have been made shareholders. Archeological finds include evidence of a Stone Age settlement and the ruins of the original house, dating from 1680. The Museum of de Caab and a museum of Cape music (with farm workers as guides) provide fascinating details of the lives of the local people Location: R45, Franschhoek Information: www.solmsdelta.co.za • 021 874 3937 Price: free





Dating back to 1685, this is one of the oldest still productive wine farms in the new world and today one of the favourites with visitors to the winelands. The manor house was built in 1812; its gable is a fine example of the transition from baroque to neoclassical. Boschendal is one of only a few original Cape

farmhouses that have been restored and furnished according to their period. In 1887, about the time when phylloxera destroyed vineyards around the world, Cecil Rhodes bought Boschendal and started the well-known Rhodes Fruit Farms. Have a meal in their restaurants or order a picnic to enjoy against one of the most beautiful backdrops in the winelands, provided by Hutchinson's Peak and the Devil's Tongue. Location: 1 km up the road to Pniel



This land was acquired in 1695 by a German immigrant but it was only in 1709 that it was named La Motte by its new owner. The first vines were planted in 1752, but it did not reach global wine-producing status until 1970 when the Rupert family bought the estate and began a vast restoration project, set up conservation programmes, started producing award-winning

wines and making the estate a sought-after tourist destination. The estate is still in the Rupert family, through Hanneli Rupert-Koegelenberg and her husband Hein Koegelenberg. This estate offers the visitor fine dining, music, history, hiking trails and art. (A purpose-built gallery houses one of the best collections of Pierneef's works as well as visiting collections.) **Location:** R45, Huguenot Road (before entering the town), Franschhoek **Information**: www.la-motte.com • 021 876 8000 • Price: free



Winelands Light Railway 10

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 750 m ride around the farm, over a bridge and through a tunnel. The park area is great for a picnic (visitors are welcome to bring in their own picnic baskets) and there are also jungle gyms, a refreshment

centre and a unique tractor and scale model train museum. Location: 1941, R304, Stellenbosch Information: 062 206 1906 • www.winelandsrail.co.za Price: Small fee



Franschhoek Pass (8)

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



Grande Provence 19

The story of this classic Cape wine estate started when Pierre Joubert, with a Bible hidden in a loaf of bread, fled religious persecution in France and in 1694 made Franschhoek his new home. He acquired other farms in the valley and died a rich man in 1732. It was left to Pieter de Villiers and later his widowed wife Anna Kriel to finish the magnificent homestead. There is an

art gallery showcasing the works of new and established artists. Location: R45, Huguenot Road, Franschhoek Information: www.grandeprovence.co.za Price: free



Haute Cabrière 20

The historical roots of this estate go back to Pierre Jourdan, the French Huguenot who in 1694 was granted land which he named Cabrière after his home town. Owned today by Achim von Arnim and known as Haute Cabrière, the estate grows only chardonnay and pinot noir grapes, from which are produced a number of wines including methode cap classiques (the local

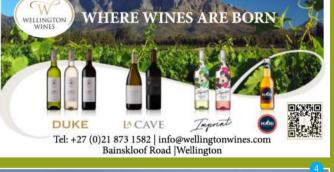
equivalent of French champagne). What this estate lacks in historical buildings is made up for by other features such as an underground wine cellar cut into the mountainside. Location: Lambrechts Road (First right-hand bend on Franschhoek Pass) Information: www.cabriere.co.za • Tel: +27 21 876 2630 Price: free



from the T-junction with the R45 **Information**: www.boschendalwines.com **Price**: free



















De Trafford Winery 23

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 5ha 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@detrafford.co.za



Babylonstoren 🐠

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 pesides the historical buildings and well-preserved werf 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, arguably unique in the country, can be booked. Other attractions are the Green House Restaurant, the 'puffadder' housing a collection of plants and with attention to detail everywhere. Location: Simondium Road, Klapmuts Information: www.babylonstoren.com • 021 863 3852 Price: small fee



Hazendal 25

This Estate is one of the oldest wine farms in the Cape dating back to 1699. It was named after Hazenwinkel, a German immigrant who worked as a messenger of the court for Willem Adriaan van der Stel, whereby he obtained the farm as a result of forfeiture. By 1728 the farm became a half-way stop for visitors to Stellenbosch

(the original gate post and werf were part of this route). In 1994 the farm was brought by a Russian entrepreneur, creating a unique blend of South African and Russian culture. Experience Hazendal's premium wines in the original 1810 cellar, a restaurant serving local and traditional Russian dishes, a deli, a vodka collection, a gallery housing a unique collection of Russian art and the finest holbol baroque gable in the Cape. Location: M23, Bottelary Road, between Kuils River and Stellenbosch Information: www.hazendal.co.za • Tel: 021 903 5034 Price: free



Devon Valley Road 26

Part of the pleasure of visiting the Winelands comes from urning 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.

.ocation: See map Information: www.geoscience.org.za Price: free



Zevenwacht 🐲 Tucked away in a secluded valley on the Cape Town side of the Bottelary hills, one finds a picturesque Cape Dutch omestead. Zevenwacht (seven expectations) was first alled Zevenfontein (seven springs) in 1793. In the 1790s a simple cottage was transformed into a T-shaped house;

the perfect neoclassical gable with triangular pediment was added in 1800. Since then the T has become an H shape. This wine estate became one of the first to incorporate a restaurant, hotel, spa and cheesery. Location: Langverwacht Road, Kuils River Information: www. zevenwacht.co.za



Le Bonheur Crocodile Farm 28

This is a commercial crocodile breeding farm that is geared towards visitors. The farm offers daily tours of he crocodile enclosures, where you can get to hold baby crocs and view massive crocs that you would never want to get up close to. To help entertain the whole family, the farm also offers pre-booked picnic

baskets on the lawns, bass and tilapia fishing, a kids' playground and a restaurant. After a tour you can go one step further and eat crocodile pie or purchase a crocodile fashion item. Location: Babylonstoren Road, Franschhoek **Information:** www.lebonheurcrocfarm.co.za **Price:** fee



Rupert Museum 29

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 Goote collection, featuring Modern French tapestries and Italian

paintings and sculpture. The MakerStudio and event lawn, active library and vibrant Museum Café are open for all to enjoy. Location: Stellentia Road, off Dorp street, Stellenbosch Hours: Tue -Fri; 10h00 -17h00, Sat-Sun; 10h00 -16h00 Information: www.rupertmuseum.org • 021 888 3344 • info@rupertmuseum.org Price: free

Rust en Vrede 30

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rustenvrede.com • +27 21 881 3881 **Price:** free



Jonkershoek Nature Reserve 3 Just above Stellenbosch is a deep valley flanked

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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/ ionkershoek-nature-reserve/ • Tel: 021 483 0190 Price: small fee

Basic Information on Cape Dutch Gables

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front door. From this humble gable, based on the

recognisable 'settler' architectures in the world.

Cape Dutch gables grew into one of the most

Cottage at Assegaaibosch Nature Reserve

former window (to provide light for the loft) above the

nedieval architecture of the Netherlands, the style of

Wolfsneus Gable



Cape had reached their full height, a reflection of the prosperity of the me. 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

By the mid-1750s, the gables at the



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 ashionable 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 Bottelary Road



Neoclassical Gable



Neethlingshof Estate 42

history and old world charm. Visit our tasting room for tastings, pairings and cellar tours,

enjoy pizza in the wine garden or book a table for breakfast or lunch served at the

Salt Deli from Wednesdays to Sundays. Location: Polkadraai Rd, Stellenbosch

Van Ryn's Distillery 43

charcuterie. For those who want to learn about the full process of making brandy from

watching skilled craftsmen at work at the on-site cooperage to distilling, there is a tour

which lasts between 60 and 90 minutes. Location: Van Ryn Road (off Baden Powell

Drive), Vlottenburg, Stellenbosch (next to Spier) Information: www.vanryn.co.za

from Napoleon's grave on St Helena and a mulberry tree descended from one planted by

Shakespeare at his home in Stratford-upon-Avon. Call at the office (weekdays

only) to collect a brochure for a self-guided tour. **Location**: ARC-Infruitec/

Nietvoorbij, Banghoek Road, Stellenbosch • Tel: 021 809 3100 Price: free

Heritage Garden 🐠

Information: www.neethlingshof.co.za • Tel:021 883 8988 Price: fee

Neethlingshof Estate lies just outside the beautiful town of

Stellenbosch. 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, The Estate

boasts some of the best restored and preserved traditional

Cape Dutch buildings, leaving visitors with a distinct sence of

This distillery dates back to 1845 when Dutch immigrant Jan

van Ryn arrived at the Cape and started Van Ryn's Wine and

Brandy Company. This is the only distillery in Stellenbosch and

its brandy has been rated the best in the world. There is brandy

tasting with carefully selected pairing with a range of

delicacies, from confectionary and estate coffee to cheeses and

his 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 originat

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 entation between the gable edges. 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: Zevenwacht, Muratie,

Vergelegen and La Motte





Guardian Peak 48

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: Annandale Road, Stellenbosch Information: www.guardianpeak.com Price: free



Lourensford 49

On this farm are traces of human life going back to about 200 000 years ago; the San and Khoi-na had made this fertile valley their home by the time the Dutch settlers arrived, soon establishing a permanent presence. Lourensford (established in 1709) was once part of Governor Willem Adriaan van der Stel's magnificent but controversial farm Vergelegen, which was split

up when Van der Stel was recalled. Since taking over the farm in 1998, Dr Christo Wiese has made it one of the premier wine estates in the country, with its magnificent setting, historical buildings, picturesque fruit groves and vineyards, and 2000 solar panels on the cellar roof. Location: End of Lourensford Road which becomes Lourensford Avenue, Somerset West **Information:** www.lourensford.co.za **Price:** small fee



Stellenbosch Botanical Garden 🔊

This compact garden in the middle of historical Stellenbosch is the oldest university botanical garden in South Africa. Exotic foreign plants share the garden with indigenous varieties in a tranguil atmosphere. It is divided into several theme gardens, including a bonsai collection, bulb beds, waterlily ponds, rockeries, fern house, tropical glasshouse and succulent

alasshouses. This garden serves as an open-air laboratory and as a centre for education, research and conservation. The garden also has a restaurant and shop for those more interested in recreation. Location: Van Riebeeck Street, Stellenbosch Information: www.sun.ac.za/english/entities/botanical-garden/pages/default.aspx **Price:** small fee



Stellenbosch Village Museum 61

In the heart of Stellenbosch is a complex of four houses that 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 Bergh House is typical of the period 1850 to 1870. Location: 37 Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch centre Information: www.stelmus.co.za/village_museum.htm Price: small fee



Spier Wine Estate 1

This wine farm has to be one of the most successful tourist destinations in this area. The farm was one of the first to be established in Stellenbosch (in 1692) and is 'gable heaven' for lovers of Cape Dutch architecture as it has examples of 21 different styles. It also has the oldest dated wine cellar in the country. Highlights include wines, a restaurant, picnic fare,

Eagle Encounters, free walking tours and a contemporary art collection. Location: R310, Baden Powell Drive, Stellenbosch Information: www.spier.co.za Price: free



Vergelegen 63

A visit to Vergelegen (established in 1700), with its famous row of majestic camphor trees, is testimony to the legacy and vision of Governor Willem Adriaan van der Stel. This masterpiece, which he owned in his private capacity, rivalled any estate in Europe at the time and was created mainly with funds from the Dutch East India Company (VOC). Willem

Adriaan was, not surprisingly, found guilty of corrupt practices and ordered to return to the Netherlands in 1707. The farm was then divided up to create Vergelegen, Lourensford, Morgenster and Cloetenburg. Vergelegen has seen successive owners such as Sir Lionel and Lady Phillips, the Barlow family and now Anglo American, which has invested extensively to restore it to its former glory. Location: Lourensford Road, Somerset West **Information**: www.vergelegen.co.za **Price**: R10 entrance fee



Vergenoegd Löw The Wine Estate 🚳

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 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 Dr Peter Löw in 2015. One of the unique experiences for visitors is 1600 Indian Runner Ducks that handle the eco-friendly pest management program. This allows Vergenoegd Löw to carry the WWF-SA Conservation Champion status. Location: Baden Powell Dr, Faure, Stellenbosch Information: www. vergenoegd.co.za • Tel: 021 843 3248 Price: free



Cheetah Outreach 65

Today there are approximately 7500 cheetahs left in the world – a depressing picture. 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 bat-eared 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: Paardevlei. De Beers Ave. Somerset West (near Somerset Mall) Information: www.cheetah.co.za Price: small fee

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Wind down in the Winelands



Thanks to Shelley Brown for editorial input.

oak trees planted in 1817, a historical homestead built in 1790 with a wolfsneus (wolf's nose) gable and the Eerste 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/assegaaibosch-nature-reserve/ Price: small fee Helshoogte Pass 33 www.stelmus.co.za/voc_kruithuis.htm • Tel. 021 887 2948 Price: small fee 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 Simonsberg from the Jonkershoekberge is under fruit and vineyards. The village of

Assegaaibosch Nature Reserve 22

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

Pniel 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/attractionswc/helshoogte-pass.htm Price: free



Stellenbosch Wine Bar 34

This bar offers the full selection of wines from the Stellenbosch Collection, including Rust en Vrede, Guardian Peak, Donkiesbaai, Afrikaans, Cirrus and Stellenbosch Reserve, there is a style of wine for everyone. There is also a small selection of Champagne. and MCC from Stellenbosch producers. The Stellenbosch Wine Bar is a casual meeting place, designed to showcase joys and

Mediterranean way of eating. Dishes are inspired by what South Africans love to eat, that complement the wines. Experience Stellenbosch village life in the heart of the old town, with a glass of wine under shady oaks. Location: Crn Church & Andringa st, Stellenbosch Information: www.thestellenboschreserve.com/wine-bar/



Stellenbosch University Museum 35 This museum was once the Bloemhof School for Girls and

thanks to Sasol Ltd., the building was restored and transformed into a cultural centre. The Sasol Art Museum houses the Stellenbosch University's permanent collection and the exhibition includes furniture and consumer articles of historical value. The Anthropology Section of the Museum is

the holder of an irreplaceable African collection, assembled over many years. **Location**: 52 Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch Information: http://showme.co.za/stellenbosch/ lifestyle/stellenbosch-art-galleries/ • +27(0)21 808 3691 Price: Donations



Dorp Street 36

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



VOC Kruithuis 🚳 Stellenbosch, founded as a settlement in 1679, had its own burgher commandos to protect it. Before the Kruithuis 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 Kruithuis

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: Mark Road, Stellenbosch Information:



Oom Samie se Winkel 38

When visiting the historical Dorp Street a visit to 'Uncle Samie's Store' is a must. This shop was one of the first trading stores in Stellenbosch, owned (from 1907) by the well-loved Oom Samie Volsteedt. This period rural trading post set in a quaint Victorian building stocks everything from handcrafted

straw yard brooms to clothing, fruit and vegetables and arts and crafts. There is also a tea garden at the back which serves meals, coffee and wine from the region. **Location:** 84 Dorp Street, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.sa-venues.com/things-to-do/westerncape/visit-oom-samie-se-winkel/ **Price:** free



Stellenbosch Toy Museum 🗿 Page one map 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 believed. **Location:** 42 Market Street (behind the Information Bureau) **Information:** www.getaway.co.za/travel-ideas/ things-to-do/toy-miniature-museum-stellenbosch/ • Tel: 021 887 9433 Price: small fee

This farm's biggest attraction is perhaps the fact that it retains an authentic, simple



Muratie 40 This farm, granted by Simon van der Stel in 1685, started its

history with a love story between a soldier who was its first owner and a slave girl, Ansela van de Caab, whom he married, making it the first family farm in the Cape and also one of the first to be owned by a woman. Today many of its wines are named after someone who enriched the story of the estate.

family (Nov – Jan), this is a memorable place for fun. Location:

Corner R44 and Annandale Road, Stellenbosch Information: http://

www.zetler.co.za/wynland.html • Tel: 021 881 3222 Price: free

and traditional feel. **Location:** R44, Stellenbosch **Information:** www.muratie.co.za Tel: 021 865 2330 Price: free Mooiberge Farm Stall 41



watching, paintballing and mountain biking. There are braai

Helderbergpad/Road off the R44 **Information**: helderbergplaas.co.za **Price**: free



Price: free

• Tel: 021 881 3875 **Price**: free

Powell Drive, Stellenbosch Information: www.meerlust.co.za • Tel: 021 843 3587

Helderberg Plaas 46

This farm, established in 1692, is probably one of the best examples of a humble winelands farmhouse: it has rustic charm but no impressive gables. One can relax under old oak trees but for the more energetic the farm offers many activities such as hikes on over 20 km of trails, 4X4 trails, bird

facilities and a very reasonably priced tea garden. Location: On the Klein