

Explore South Africa's Wine Routes



23 Wine Routes • Historic Estates
Contemporary Tasting Rooms • Restaurants
Farm Stays • Culinary Destinations

find your sunshine

In South Africa, sunshine isn't just something you feel on your skin – it's something you taste in every wine glass.

Our winelands are shaped by ancient soils more than 500 million years old, dramatic mountain ranges, and cooling sea breezes from two oceans. From decomposed granite and shale to limestone and clay-rich riverbeds, each valley tells a different story. Altitude, aspect and climate slow the ripening of grapes in some regions, intensify flavour in others, and create wines of remarkable diversity and character.

More than 360 years of winemaking heritage meet bold new energy here. But terroir is only part of the story.

It's our people – warm, resilient, creative – who bring these landscapes to life. It's the chefs reimaging Cape cuisine. The farmers tending old vines. The hosts who welcome you like family.

Across 23 geographically diverse wine routes, many within an hour of Cape Town, you'll discover world-class wines, regional flavours, rich history and unforgettable natural beauty.

Find your sunshine in our winelands.

CAPE TOWN ...



Where vineyards meet the city and the sea

Granite soils, mountain shadows and cool False Bay breezes create elegant Sauvignon Blanc and age-worthy reds just minutes from the City Centre. Here, vineyard lunches might feature line fish from the Atlantic, Cape Malay spices, or seasonal produce enjoyed beneath ancient oaks.



CONSTANTIA WINE ROUTE

Just beyond the southern slopes of Table Mountain lies South Africa's oldest wine-producing valley. Cool sea breezes, decomposed granite soils and shaded mountain vineyards produce refined Sauvignon Blanc, elegant reds and the legendary Vin de Constance

Historic estates are paired with boutique hotels, contemporary tasting rooms and some of the country's most celebrated restaurants, where seasonal Cape cuisine is served beneath ancient oaks and mountain views. Only minutes from Cape Town, the valley blends heritage with fine wine and world-class dining.

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DURBANVILLE WINE VALLEY

On the rolling Tygerberg hills north of Cape Town, Durbanville's vineyards are cooled by Atlantic breezes that slow ripening and preserve freshness in the wines. Sauvignon Blanc thrives here, alongside elegant reds influenced by the valley's cool-climate character. The region's winemakers share a strong sense of community, collaborating each year on a valley-wide Sauvignon Blanc release that celebrates the spirit of Durbanville. Visitors can explore welcoming cellar doors, enjoy seasonal farm cuisine and follow mountain biking trails through vineyards and wheat fields.

A close-knit valley defined by cool-climate wines, rich heritage and shared passion.

www.durbanvillewine.co.za

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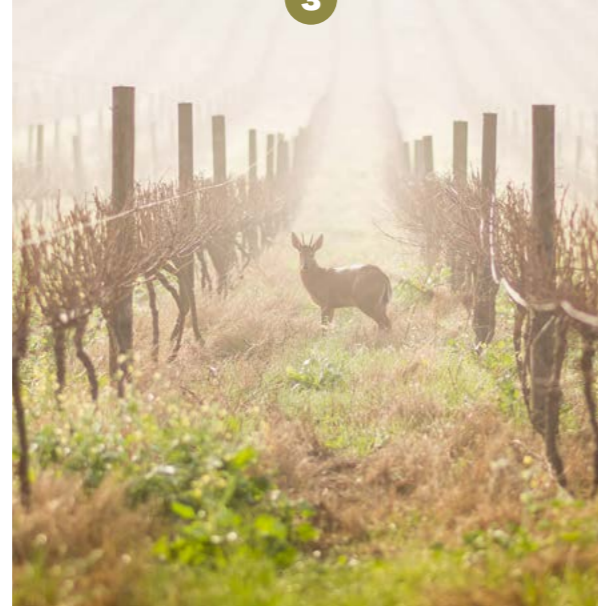
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Diverse diversity in a glass

... CAPE WINELANDS ...



The heart of South African wine

Dramatic mountain peaks, river valleys and varied soils – from limestone to shale – make this the most diverse wine-producing heartland in the country. Expect bold reds, refined Cap Classique and expressive Chenin Blanc, paired with slow-cooked Karoo lamb, farm cheeses, artisanal breads and garden-to-table cuisine.



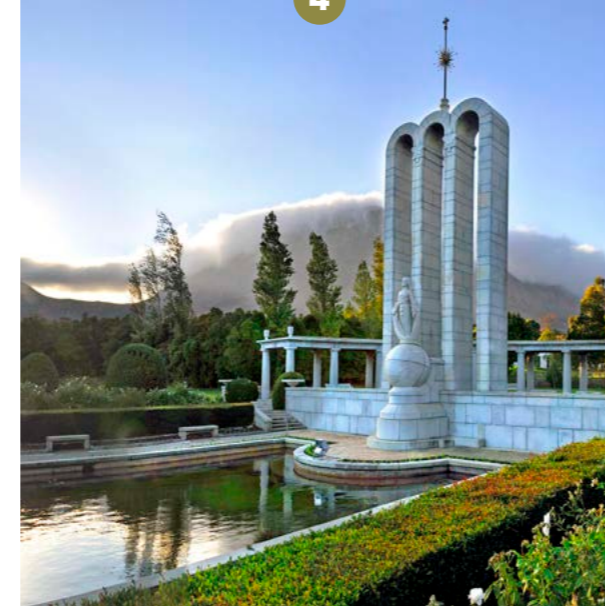
BREDEKLOOF WINE VALLEY

Set within a dramatic mountain amphitheatre formed by the Slanghoek, Du Toitskloof and Hex River ranges, Bredekloof is a valley where fertile soils and cool mountain air create expressive Chenin Blanc. Generations of farming families have cultivated a welcoming wine culture, inviting visitors to relaxed cellar tastings and long lunches inspired by local flavour – from freshly baked roosterkoek to seasonal country fare. Contemporary architectural landmarks like Bosjes sit comfortably among vineyards and gardens, while the nearby Breede River offers gentle outdoor adventure.

A valley where mountain landscapes, warm hospitality and honest country cooking meet.

www.bredelokloof.com

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FRANSCHHOEK WINE VALLEY

Founded by French Huguenots in 1688, Franschhoek pairs dramatic mountain scenery with one of South Africa's most celebrated culinary cultures. The valley's vineyards produce acclaimed Cap Classique alongside a wide range of varietal and blended wines that reflect the diversity of its soils and mountain-influenced climate. Boutique wineries surround a village known for award-winning restaurants, artisanal food producers and the iconic Wine Tram linking tastings across the valley.

A destination where wine, cuisine and heritage share the same table.

www.franschhoek.org.za

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PAARL WINE ROUTE

Dominated by the granite slopes of Paarl Mountain, this historic wine region blends centuries of winemaking with a rich cultural landscape. Vineyards stretch along the valley beside the town's historic Main Road, where Cape Dutch architecture and heritage buildings tell the story of one of South Africa's oldest towns.

Visitors can explore generous cellar experiences, farm picnics and seasonal country cooking, while the annual Waterblommetjie Festival celebrates the indigenous delicacy traditionally prepared as waterblommetjebredie.

www.paarlwineroute.co.za

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ROBERTSON WINE VALLEY

Along the Breede River, Robertson's lime-rich soils and sunlit vineyards have made the valley – known as the Valley of Wine and Roses – one of South Africa's leading regions for Chardonnay and Cap Classique. Limestone deposits give rise to the distinctive style known as Calcrete Chardonnay – mineral, elegant and expressive of this unique terroir.

Family estates welcome visitors to cellar tastings, riverside picnics and relaxed country dining, where local produce and farm cooking reflect the generous spirit of the region.

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STELLENBOSCH WINE ROUTES

South Africa's most celebrated wine region stretches across granite slopes, sandstone ridges and cool mountain corridors. These diverse terroirs produce world-class Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux-style blends and some of the country's finest Chenin Blanc. Historic estates stand alongside contemporary architecture, art collections and acclaimed restaurants, while the vibrant university town brings youthful energy to centuries-old vineyards.

A place where heritage, innovation and world-class winemaking converge.

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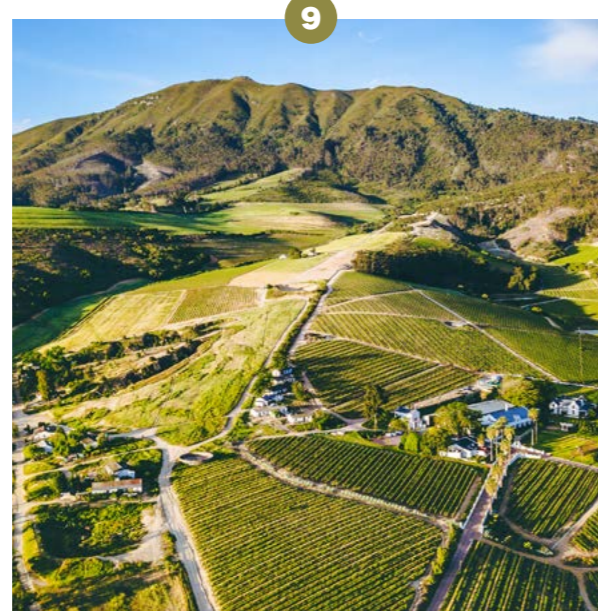
TULBAGH WINE ROUTE

Encircled by the Witzenberg, Obiqua and Groot Winterhoek mountain ranges, Tulbagh's secluded valley is known for its dramatic scenery, quiet charm and beautifully preserved Cape Dutch heritage. Vineyards rooted in varied valley soils produce expressive Shiraz and Chenin Blanc, alongside elegant Cap Classique.

Historic Church Street – one of South Africa's most complete architectural streetscapes – reflects the town's carefully restored past. Visitors linger over relaxed tastings, olive oils and garden lunches beneath mountain views.

www.tulbaghtourism.co.za

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WELLINGTON WINE ROUTE

At the foot of the Hawequa Mountains, Wellington is a working wine valley defined by generations of farming families. Known as the birthplace of South African vine propagation, its nurseries have supplied vineyards across the country for more than a century. Today visitors discover relaxed cellar tastings, farm-style lunches and mountain trails that reveal sweeping views across vineyards and orchards.

A valley rooted in craftsmanship, tradition and the quiet rhythms of country life.

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WORCESTER WINE & OLIVE ROUTE

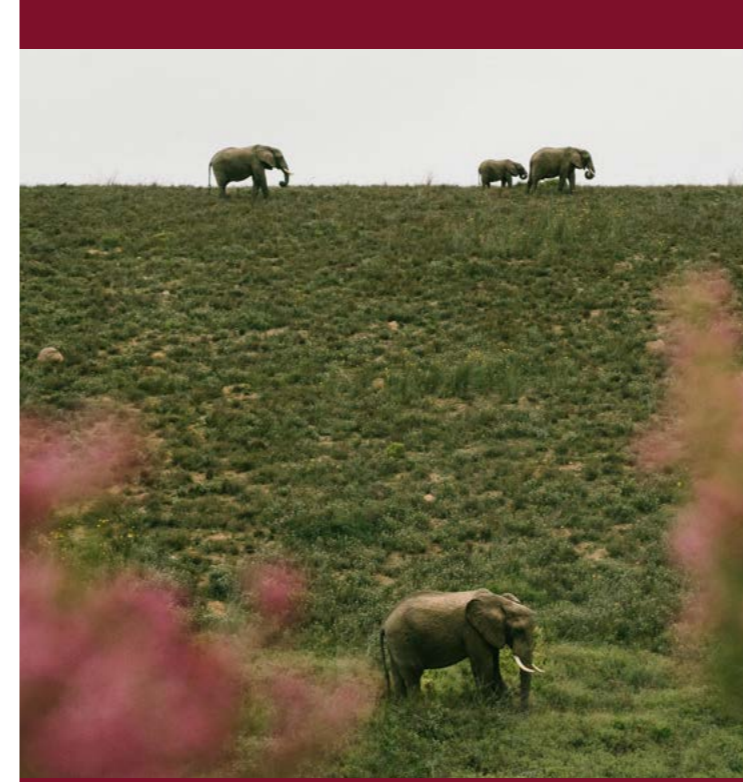
Surrounded by the dramatic mountains of the Breede River Valley, Worcester is a region where vineyards and olive groves flourish side by side. Generous sunshine and fertile soils support a thriving agricultural landscape, reflected in relaxed cellar doors, olive tastings and rustic farm platters.

Seasonal festivals celebrate local produce and community spirit, while welcoming farms offer an authentic taste of country hospitality.

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... GARDEN ROUTE & KLEIN KAROO ...



Wild landscapes and heritage wines

From semi-desert terroir to cool coastal pockets, this region produces distinctive fortified wines, Cap Classique and characterful reds. Expect ostrich, venison, heritage grains and rustic Karoo cooking served alongside pioneering wines.



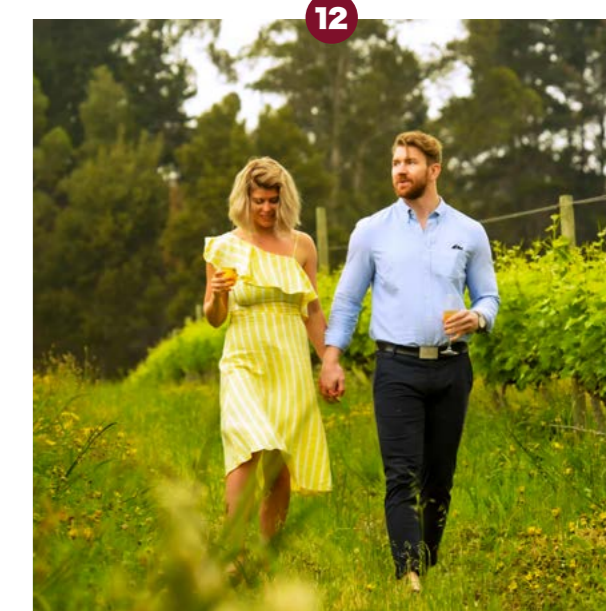
KLEIN KAROO WINE ROUTE

Between the Swartberg and Langeberg mountain ranges, the Klein Karoo Wine Route winds through a landscape of wide valleys, rugged peaks and open skies. Travelling along Route 62 – one of South Africa's most popular road trips – visitors encounter historic towns such as Oudtshoorn and Calitzdorp, where farming heritage runs deep. The region is known for its Chenin Blanc, fortified wines and port-style blends, while local tables celebrate Karoo flavours such as lamb, roosterkoek and traditional preserves.

A rugged wine route where mountain passes, Karoo cuisine and heritage wines define the journey.

www.kleinkaroo wines.co.za

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PLETTENBERG BAY WINELANDS

Along the Garden Route coastline, the Plettenberg Bay Wine Route pairs cool maritime vineyards with one of South Africa's most refined seaside destinations. Ocean breezes and moderate temperatures create ideal conditions for award-winning Cap Classique.

Boutique wineries are set among forests, fynbos and mountain views, offering tastings that fit naturally into Plett's resort lifestyle of polo fields, golf courses, yacht-filled bays and stylish coastal retreats.

www.plettwinelands.co.za

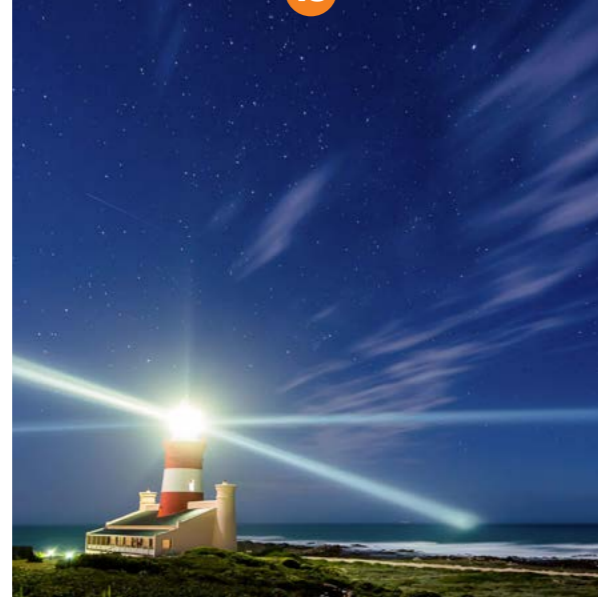
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... OVERBERG ...



Cool-climate vineyards shaped by ocean and earth

Clay-rich soils and ocean-cooled vineyards produce some of South Africa's finest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Set within the fynbos-rich landscapes of the Cape Floral Kingdom, nearby seas and farmlands inspire menus of fresh seafood, heirloom vegetables and elegant farm-style dishes.



AGULHAS WINE TRIANGLE

At the southernmost vineyards of Africa, the Agulhas Wine Triangle is influenced by limestone soils, strong ocean winds and cool maritime conditions. These elements produce distinctive Sauvignon Blanc and Shiraz with remarkable freshness and structure. Vineyards sit among coastal fynbos landscapes that stretch towards the meeting point of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Nearby fishing villages offer seafood drawn from surrounding waters, bringing the flavours of land and sea together in a remarkable frontier setting.

A wine region where ocean, fynbos and vineyard meet.

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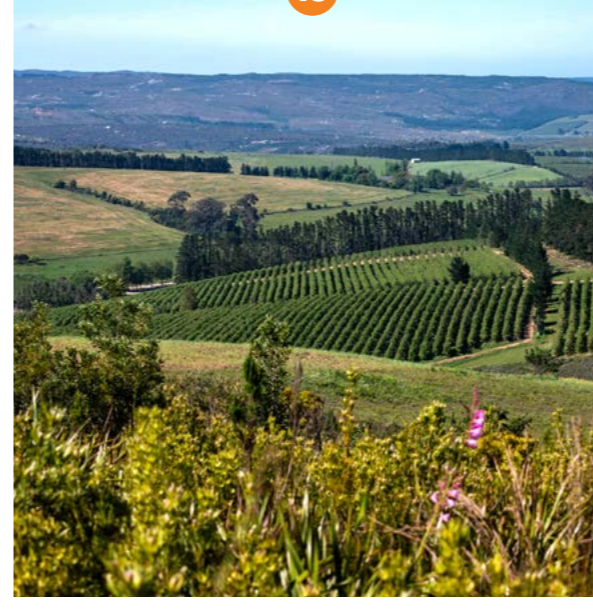
BOT RIVER WINE ROUTE

Tucked between the Houwhoek Mountains and Bot River Lagoon, this small wine route is known for its independent spirit and cool-climate character. Shale-rich soils and ocean breezes create ideal conditions for Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc and Pinot Noir. Visitors discover characterful cellars, relaxed tastings and generous farm kitchens where seasonal dishes reflect the surrounding farmland. The nearby lagoon and fynbos-covered hills complete a landscape that feels both wild and welcoming.

A quietly creative corner of the Overberg defined by nature and independent winemakers.

www.botriverwines.com

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ELGIN VALLEY WINE ROUTE

High in the mountains of the Overberg, Elgin's cool climate and shale-rich soils produce elegant Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir. Known for its apple orchards and crisp mountain air, the valley invites visitors to discover contemporary tasting rooms, relaxed country dining and seasonal menus informed by orchard produce and farm ingredients. Forests, mountain trails and winding country roads add to the sense of escape.

A cool-climate valley where orchards, vineyards and mountain air define the experience.

www.winesofelgin.co.za

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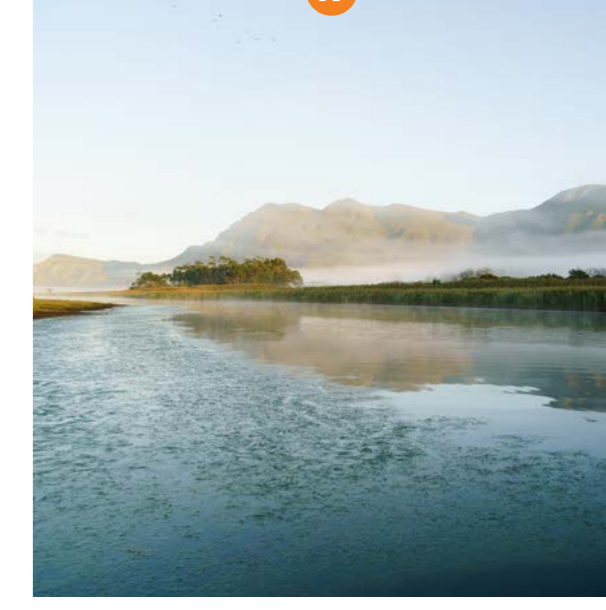
HEMEL-EN-AARDE WINE VALLEY

Just inland from Hermanus, Hemel-en-Aarde – meaning "Heaven and Earth" – is one of South Africa's most celebrated cool-climate wine regions. Clay-rich soils and maritime breezes create ideal conditions for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

Estate restaurants and vineyard terraces pair elegant wines with coastal-inspired cuisine, while walking trails wind through fynbos-covered hillsides where visitors can slow down and reconnect with nature. Between vineyards, mountain views and the nearby ocean, the valley offers a setting that feels both restorative and quietly spectacular.

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STANFORD WINE ROUTE

Between rolling hills and the Klein River lies the village of Stanford, a peaceful wine route defined by small wineries and slow country living. Visitors discover relaxed cellar tastings, garden lunches and village cafés serving seasonal dishes inspired by nearby farms and coastal ingredients. River cruises, birdlife and quiet country roads complete the experience.

A tranquil valley where vineyards, village life and good food unfold at an easy pace.

www.stanfordinfo.co.za

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Untamed beauty, honest wines

Dryland bush vines and Atlantic mists define this rugged landscape. Wines here pair naturally with West Coast mussels, snoek on the braai, and springtime feasts during flower season.



DARLING WINE ROUTE

Just an hour north of Cape Town, Darling's vineyards are cooled by Atlantic breezes and morning mists drifting inland from the coast. These conditions produce vibrant Sauvignon Blanc, the valley's signature wine. During spring the surrounding hills transform as wildflowers blanket the landscape in colour.

Visitors enjoy relaxed cellar tastings, farm-style lunches and locally produced cheeses, while at Grootte Post Vineyards a wine safari through the nature reserve may reveal giraffe moving quietly across the landscape.

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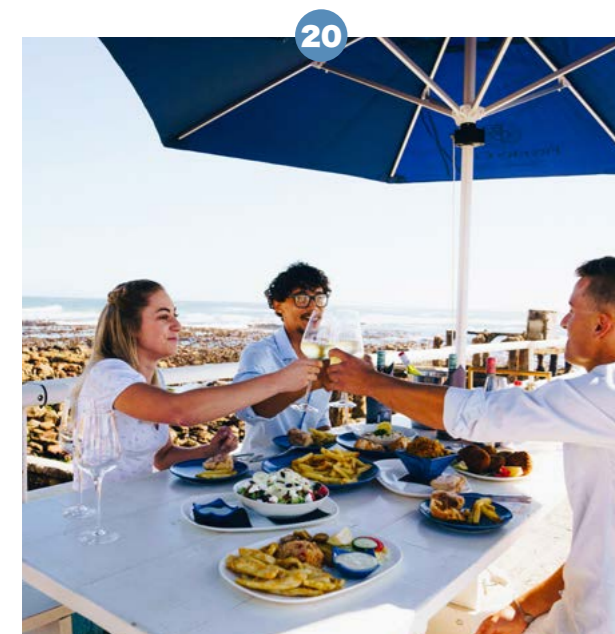


SWARTLAND WINE & OLIVE ROUTE

North of the Cape Winelands, the Swartland's rolling wheat fields and rugged hills have become a centre for independent winemaking and old-vine heritage. Dryland bush vines produce wines of depth and character shaped by warm days and cooling evening breezes. Olive groves and farm kitchens reflect the region's agricultural traditions, while small cellars welcome visitors seeking authentic and unpretentious tasting experiences.

Home to some of South Africa's most celebrated winemakers, it is a landscape of old vines, open skies and fiercely independent wine culture.

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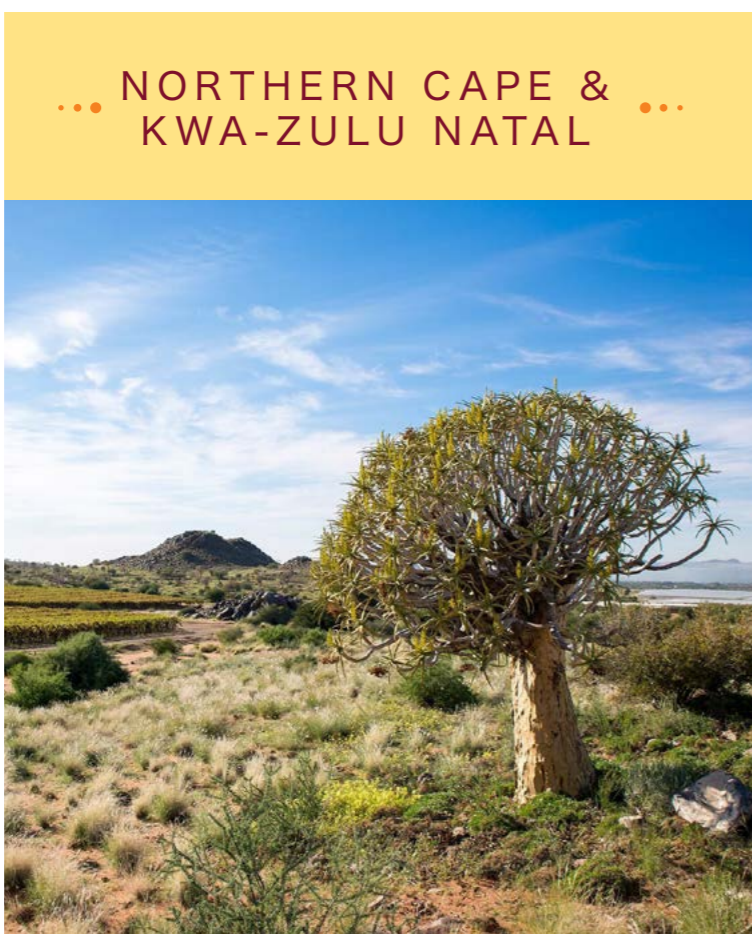


NAMAQUA WEST COAST WINE ROUTE

Stretching along the Olifants River valley to the rugged Atlantic coastline, the West Coast Wine Route unfolds across the wide landscapes of Namaqualand. Vineyards thrive under bright African sunshine tempered by cooling ocean breezes, producing wines such as Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Muscadelle.

In spring the countryside transforms as Namaqualand's famous wildflowers blanket the land in colour. Visitors discover family-run cellars, coastal flavours and regional delicacies such as abalone. The area is also a popular base for adventure travel, with fishing, hiking, and coastal mountain biking. World-class stargazing and birding experiences further enrich its natural charm, making it a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers alike.

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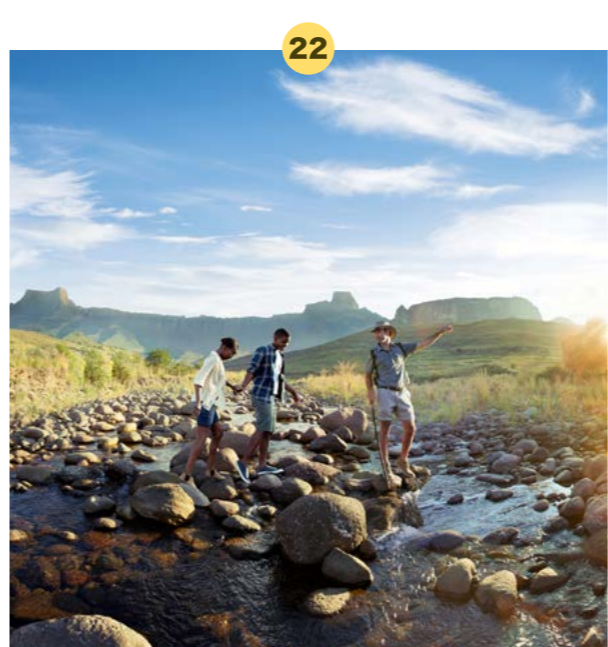


Unexpected vineyards in extraordinary places
 Along the Orange River, sun-drenched vineyards flourish in alluvial soils, while the Midlands' cool hills nurture boutique vineyards. Expect hearty country fare, farm preserves and locally made cheeses alongside generous wines.



ORANGE RIVER WINE ROUTE
 Following the life-giving waters of South Africa's longest river, the Orange River Wine Route stretches through the vast landscapes of the Northern Cape. Here vineyards flourish along fertile riverbanks, transforming an otherwise arid region into a ribbon of green agriculture. Sunshine-filled days produce generous wines alongside the table grapes and raisins for which the valley is famous.
 Visitors discover welcoming cellar doors, relaxed riverbank hospitality and the Kokerboom Food & Wine Route, where regional dishes and local produce celebrate the flavours of the Northern Cape.

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MIDLANDS MEANDER ROUTE
 Set among the rolling green hills of the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands, the Midlands Meander Wine Route offers a distinctive high-altitude wine experience. Here vineyards benefit from cooler conditions resulting from elevation, misty mornings and summer rainfall. Small producers create expressive wines that reflect this unique environment.
 The route forms part of the much-loved Midlands Meander tourism trail, where visitors discover artisan cheesemakers, farm kitchens, craft studios and country cafés alongside welcoming cellar tastings.

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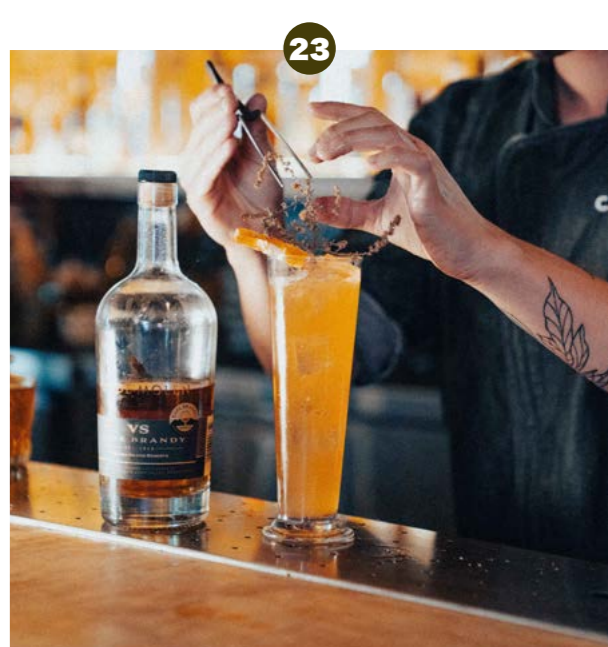
Distinctly
South African Brandy & Cap Classique

South Africa's wine culture extends beyond still wines to two categories that are proudly and distinctively its own: Cap Classique and South African pot still brandy.

Cap Classique is South Africa's bottle-fermented sparkling wine, crafted using the same traditional method as Champagne, where the second fermentation takes place in the bottle to create fine, persistent bubbles. What sets it apart is the character of the Cape itself: sunshine, maritime breezes and diverse soils that give the wines their vibrant fruit and expressive style.

South African brandy follows a similar philosophy of craftsmanship. Produced through double distillation in copper pot stills and aged in oak barrels, it shares its heritage with Cognac but expresses the richness of Cape-grown grapes and generations of distilling expertise.

Together, these two traditions represent a distinctive expression of South African wine culture inspired by heritage, shaped by place and recognised among the finest in the world.



SOUTH AFRICAN BRANDY HOMES
 Across the Cape Winelands, a collection of historic wineries invites visitors to discover one of South Africa's proudest spirits traditions. The South African Brandy Homes offer immersive experiences that go beyond the tasting room – from guided cellar tours and tutored brandy tastings to chocolate and dessert pairings that reveal the spirit's remarkable versatility.
 Some wineries even invite guests to blend their own bottle alongside a master distiller.
 Together with stylish Brandy Hubs and cocktail bars, these experiences celebrate Cape brandy through craftsmanship, flavour and storytelling expertise.

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