



THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO

Wine Experiences

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The Royal Portfolio Wine Experiences

Multiple elements contribute to the perfect stay – and for many of our guests, these include the wines they enjoy during their time with us. Wine is much more than a drink – it communicates the landscape, earth and weather of a destination. It speaks to traditions and culture, and is imbued with the passion of the people who cultivated the grapes and made the wine – it's the essence of a place in a glass.

Wine pairs perfectly with food, of course, and can add layers of meaning and connection to a meal. In the same way that our chefs focus on creating incredible flavour combinations, our team of sommeliers and wine stewards focus on pairings that will enhance each meal or sunset.



Wayve Kolevsohn

In addition to being our Group Beverage Manager, Wayve is one of the most qualified sommeliers in the country. She also leads many of our wine tours and masterclasses, subject to her availability.



Jacques de Klerk

Jacques is the winemaker at the independent Radford Dale Winery in Stellenbosch and Elgin, and oversees the production of our own-label wines from the vineyards that surround La Residence. These superb wines are available at all our properties, in addition to an extensive list (expertly curated by Wayve).

No matter whether you stay in the city, the bushveld, or on the coast, you can be sure that each glass of wine you enjoy will be the perfect match to your surroundings, mood and food.

Our Properties



THE SILO HOTEL

Enjoy a glass of wine as you gaze out over the working harbour, mountains and city bowl of Africa's most vibrant and exciting metropolis.



BIRKENHEAD HOUSE

The bracing ocean air and expansive views over Walker Bay provide the perfect accompaniment to a glass of South African wine; as do fresh mussels gathered from the rocks below the cliffs.



LA RESIDENCE

Wine flows through the veins of La Residence – this unique property is surrounded by vineyards, with many of South Africa's finest wine estates so close that they can be reached on foot or by bicycle.



ROYAL MALEWANE

The only one of our properties that is not within a stone's throw of the Cape Winelands, Royal Malewane is nevertheless breath-takingly beautiful, with the thrill of being on safari adding a delicious frisson to each sip of wine.

The Silo Hotel

Wine experiences can be booked by contacting the Concierge Team onsite.

EXPLORING THE CAPE WINELANDS

The Cape Winelands could just be heaven on earth, thanks to the remarkable blending of landscapes (both natural and man-made), exceptional restaurants, fascinating history, and of course the wines for which this region is renowned.

Both full-day and half-day guided tours are available.

FULL-DAY WINELANDS TOUR (8 HOURS)

Join our sommelier Wayve and one of our expert tour guides as you explore some of Wayve's favourite wine estates in the Cape Winelands.

A highlight of the day is lunch and a complimentary wine tasting at La Residence – an opportunity to experience another one of our award-winning properties.

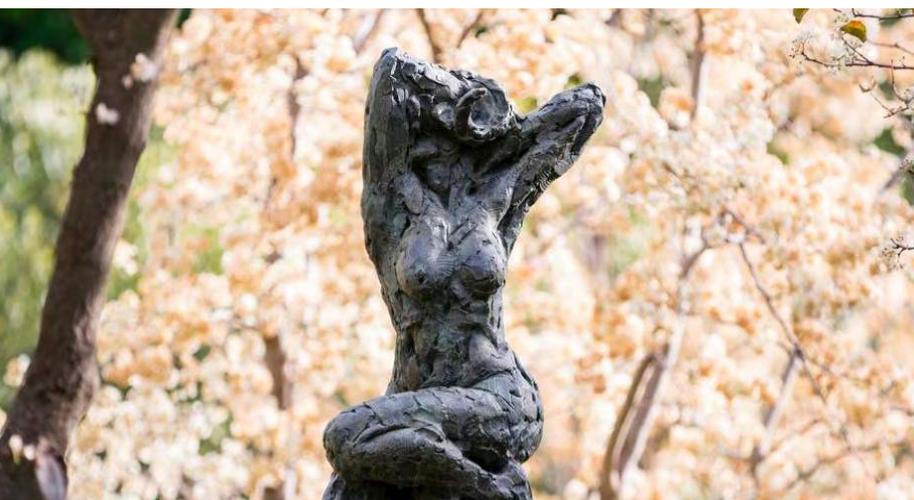
At each wine estate on the itinerary, you will have the opportunity to meet the winemaker, learn about their viticultural philosophy, and enjoy a vertical tasting with guidance and tasting notes from both the winemaker and Wayve.

BESPOKE WINELANDS AND ART TOUR

Wine and art make the perfect pairing – two of the finest expressions of human creativity. This very special full-day tour fuses winetasting, thought-provoking art, and a gourmet lunch at La Residence – The Royal Portfolio's boutique property in the Franschhoek Valley.

On this tour, you will be accompanied by Michael Jacobs, the Art Concierge at The Silo Hotel, and an experienced local guide.

In addition to some of the most renowned wine estates in the region, you will also explore leading art galleries and take a stroll through beautiful sculpture gardens.



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HALF-DAY SILO & CONSTANTIA WINE EXPERIENCE (5 HOURS)

Discover the rolling landscapes and wines of Constantia, with expert insights from sommelier Wayve and commentary on the destinations and landscapes by our expert guide.

This condensed but still comprehensive experience includes a visit to a recommended Constantia wine estate, with guidance from Wayve on the unique wines of this very special region.

MASTERCLASS

Enjoy a bespoke, in-depth Wine Masterclass with expert sommelier Wayve Kolevsohn. Benefit from her insights into the bouquet, character, mouthfeel and flavours of the South African wines that you're most interested in.

WINE TASTING AT THE SILO

A winning combination of exceptional city and ocean views, with an expertly curated flight of fine wines accompanied by a platter of selected local cheeses.

This ideal opportunity to get to know your fellow guests can also be booked as an exclusive one-hour experience, and will be hosted by The Silo's wine expert, Anika, and her team.



La Residence

To book any of these wine experiences, please speak to the Concierge Team.

MASTERCLASS

Join leading sommelier Wayve Kolevsohn for a detailed look at some of the best wines that South Africa produces with a guided, deeply informative exploration of the highlights of the La Residence wine list.

This experience also includes a visit to a nearby wine estate, allowing you to apply your newly gained knowledge as you compare and contrast the gems of South African viticulture.

WINELANDS TOUR (FULL-DAY OR HALF-DAY)

Allow our resident wine guru Wayve to take you on a wine-focused tour as you explore some of her favourite wine estates in the Cape Winelands. A dedicated driver and luxury vehicle ensures your complete comfort.

A highlight of the day is lunch and a complimentary wine tasting at La Residence – an opportunity to experience another one of our award-winning properties.

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LA RESIDENCE WINE TASTINGS

As a resident guest, you can enjoy a complimentary tasting of our own-label wines, or book a reserve wine tasting that will focus on four wines from our curated reserve list – a list that represents the very finest expressions of the art of local winemakers.

WINETASTING BY HORSEBACK

Whether you are an experienced rider or a novice, experiencing the winelands on horseback is truly exceptional. Our preferred horse-riding partner is located just 25 minutes from the hotel and offers the best riding experience in the Winelands.

A wine tasting tour on horseback will take you through vineyards and orchards to a wine farm near the stables for an hour-long wine tasting. The total time spent in the saddle is approximately 2,5 hours.

WINETASTING AND E-BIKE RIDE

A full- or half-day excursion that provides ample opportunities to soak up the beauty of the Cape Winelands and enjoy winetasting experiences at several nearby wine estates – all without having to pedal too hard!



Birkenhead House

Speak to our Concierge Team to book any of these exceptional wine experiences.

WINE TASTING AT BIRKENHEAD HOUSE

Our wine stewards have carefully curated a list of house wines from the vineyards of the Cape Winelands, and can suggest perfect pairings with any meal from our menu, or for any moment of your stay.

Inspired by the creativity of local winemakers, our wine list is constantly evolving – and you can explore it on a complimentary guided tasting session in our wine cellar, or whilst enjoying ocean views from our front deck.

For special occasions, or to gain a deeper appreciation of the quality of South African wines, our reserve list unlocks the gates to some of the country's most renowned wine cellars.

HEMEL-EN-AARDE WINE TOURS

Experience 'heaven on earth' on a full- or half-day guided tour that combines breath-taking views out over Walker Bay and visits to wine farms specially chosen to match your personal preferences. Your tour can be customised to focus on Burgundy-style wines, with the option to visit both leading and up-and-coming estates including Hamilton Russel, Bouchard Finlayson, Newton Johnson, Spookfontein and Creation.

Expect a warm welcome, fascinating insights into the pleasures and challenges of producing award-winning wines in the Cape, and perfectly chosen local artisanal breads and cheeses to accompany each sip of wine.



Birkenhead House

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STANFORD WINE TOURS

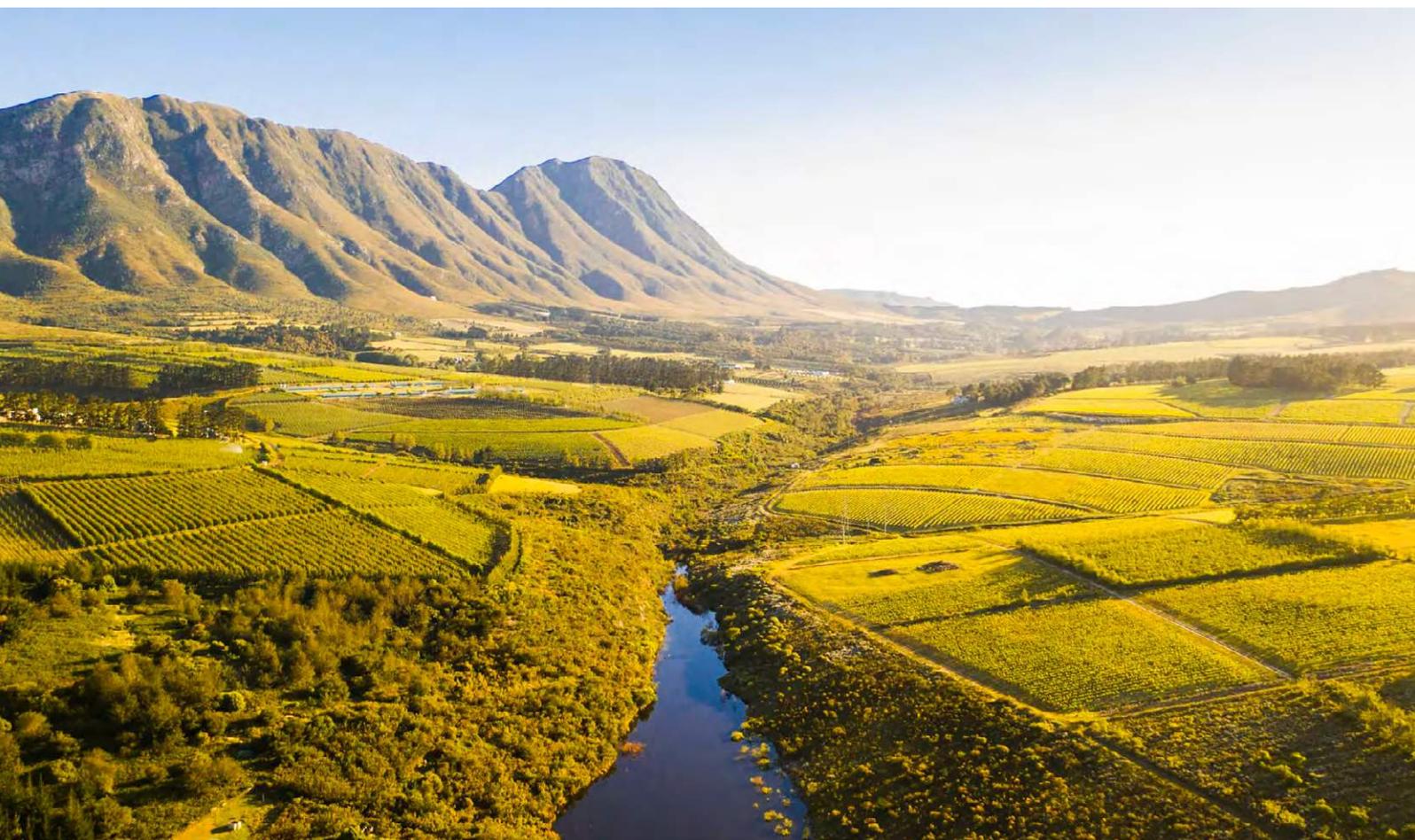
The Stanford region is a gourmet's paradise, and this is reflected in the range of tasting experiences covered in the full- and half-day versions of this tour. When you head into the hills around Stanford, you won't just get to experience leading wine farms, but also artisanal local cheeses, and, on the full-day tour, organic Overberg honey and beers from the Birkenhead Brewery.

The full-day tour also includes lunch en route at a recommended restaurant.

BOT RIVER WINE TOURS

The unique grape-growing region of Bot River is less well-known than some other parts of the Cape Winelands, but if anything, this makes it even more intriguing. Exploring this area is a treat for the wine lover who likes to get off the beaten track, and gain a true understanding for the terroir and traditions of an area that offers distinct challenges – and rewards – to winemakers.

Both the full- and half-day tours are available, with opportunities to visit some of the most innovative and ecologically sustainable wine farms operating in South Africa today.



Royal Malewane

To book any of these wine experiences, please speak to your Guide or the Lodge Manager.

WINETASTING AT ROYAL MALEWANE

The lodges at Royal Malewane offer several intimate settings for a winetasting experience that may be enhanced by the distant roaring of lions or the trumpeting of elephants. In a place where all your senses are naturally heightened, winetasting becomes even more of an adventure.

Recommended locations include the Waterside Cellar and the Malewane Library.

Food and wine pairing experiences (including a tasting menu) are also available.

BUSH STOP WINE EXPERIENCE

A truly wild winetasting experience – enjoy a selection of wines curated just for you (according to your preferences) during a pause at a scenic spot during a Royal Malewane game drive. Sipping wine in the heart of a pristine wilderness makes for an unforgettable experience.



Helicopter Wine Experiences

The Silo Hotel

Enjoy scenic views of Cape Town and Table Mountain, as well as either the Hermanus Coastline or the Cape Winelands as you depart The Silo by helicopter for a curated wine tasting experience at either Birkenhead House or La Residence. This experience can be combined with winetasting at The Silo before you depart.

La Residence

Gain a bird's eye view of the Cape Winelands, understand the lay of the land and admire the beauty of the wine estates and their distinctive Cape Dutch architecture before alighting at a series of wine estates to sample the finest vintages they have to offer.

Three different routes are available (dependent on weather and air traffic on the day of the flight):

1. Hemel-en-Aarde
2. Stellenbosch & Elgin
3. Constantia & Three Bays Region

This exclusive experience typically lasts for four or five hours.

Birkenhead House

From the air, you'll have almost infinite views of both the restless ocean and the green patchwork quilt of fynbos and vineyards that makes up the Hermanus coastline. You may even spot whales cavorting in the surf as you fly towards one of our favourite wine destinations, before landing to experience an uplifting tasting.

Royal Malewane

BLYDE CANYON MCC FLIP

Take to the skies in a helicopter and view the remarkable green depths of the Blyde River Canyon from above, before landing at a secluded viewpoint to enjoy one of South Africa's finest sparkling wines, and the clear, champagne-like mountain air.

Wine Orders

Enjoying the wines that contributed so much to your enjoyment of your perfect stay once you return home is a wonderful way to prolong your South African experience, and relive your holiday memories.

We are able to source and ship the very finest wines that the Rainbow Nation produces, including rare vintages and wines that are produced in exceptionally small quantities.

Please speak to the wine stewards at any of our properties to learn more.





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To learn more about our curated wine offerings, or any other aspect of the perfect stay, please reach out to us using the contact details below.

Warm wishes

THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO FAMILY

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