

# DELAIRE GRAFF ESTATE

COMMITTED TO AFRICA'S FUTURE



## PHILOSOPHY: CREATE RESPONSIBLY, GIVE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY & LEAVE NO TRACE

Delaire Graff Estate is dedicated to supporting the education, health and wellbeing of the people of sub-Saharan Africa through the FACET Foundation (For Africa's Children Every Time), established by the estate's founder, Laurence Graff. Each guest contributes to Delaire Graff Estate's ability to better support FACET's many programmes, especially the Pebbles Project in the local community of which Delaire Graff Estate forms part. The estate provides funding, insight and support to these various projects, while working closely within our own team to build and foster a future that benefits all within our region.

In addition to community projects and financial aid to FACET, Delaire Graff Estate has a number of eco and sustainability projects on the estate itself to keep the experience in balance with the environment. These range from creating nutrient-rich compost to recycling water in the low-impact gardens, choosing to work with ethical suppliers and ensuring a responsible approach to sourcing materials and offering experiences.

## FACET (FOR AFRICA'S CHILDREN EVERY TIME)

In 2008, Laurence Graff, Chairman of Graff Diamonds, established the FACET Foundation (For Africa's Children Every Time) designed to support the education, health and well-being of the people of Africa from where Graff sources many of its beautiful stones. **Enquire for information on how to get involved: [info@delaire.co.za](mailto:info@delaire.co.za)**



### HELP LESOTHO

An international development organisation which aims to foster a sense of hope and motivation in those who are most in need by targeting root causes and community priorities. FACET has worked with Help Lesotho since 2008, when it partnered with the charity to build the first Graff Leadership Centre in Lesotho with the aim of providing a home and education for Basotho orphan girls and supporting the wider community.



### STEPPING STONES INTERNATIONAL

FACET has worked with Stepping Stones International since 2010, when it funded the build of the second Graff Leadership Centre which opened its doors in Botswana in May 2011. Hosting computer and leadership training, job and life skills tutoring and income generating activities, the Centre has directly benefited more than 510 orphans, vulnerable children and their caregivers with outreach to a total of over 6,500 individuals.



### THE PEBBLES PROJECT

Working within South Africa's Winelands to enrich the lives of children with special educational needs and from disadvantaged backgrounds, in particular those whose lives are affected by alcohol. FACET has piloted a mobile learning centre program in partnership with the Pebbles Project with a fleet of five Graff Mobile Learning Centres providing after-school support and access to learning materials for over 1200 children and adult learners.

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## CONSCIOUS APPROACH AT DELAIRE GRAFF ESTATE



### IN THE TEAM

Delaire Graff Estate has implemented various staff initiatives and programmes to facilitate growth, development and ensure the members of the estate's community receive ongoing support.

- Fully funded Delaire Graff Football Team
- Ethically sourced ingredients ensure a 'health-orientated' staff canteen
- Skills development programmes for personal growth and up-skilling
- As far as possible, hiring South African residents within the winelands
- Access to the Pebbles Clinic where our team receive affordable health care, as well as a free annual check-up at the clinic

### IN THE KITCHENS

'Feed the soil' is a mantra for organic farmers because a fertile, mineral-rich soil translates to nutrient-rich, flavourful food. Earthworms are an asset to any garden, for these ecosystem engineers possess an essential ability to restructure and enrich the earth.

- Organic, home-grown & ethically sourced produce is used where possible
- Paper and food waste from the kitchens and offices is converted into compost with the Estate Wormery
- Biodegradable packaging is widely used and continues to be introduced

### IN THE ESTATE WORMERY

A nutrition factory that never sleeps, continuously recycling and transforming the organic leftovers from the kitchens and the Estate into valuable nutrients for the greenhouse, vegetable garden and vineyards. Organic compost and fertiliser are absorbed by plants at a slower rate than those chemically created, resulting in a healthier garden for longer.

- 28 kilograms of paper are processed monthly
- 300 kilograms of food waste from the kitchens are processed monthly
- 6 cubic metres of compost and fertiliser are produced monthly from waste

### IN THE GARDENS & VINEYARDS

With gardens planted by world-renowned horticulturist Keith Kirsten, and vineyards managed by hand, Delaire Graff Estate's natural environment is carefully looked after to be in delicate balance.

- 70% indigenous, water-wise gardens with over 350 plant species
- No invasive alien species within the estate borders
- 'Fynbos pockets' preserve inherited biodiversity in the gardens and valley
- Variety of plants and low-impact practices has restored and allowed bird and insect species to flourish in this part of the Banghoek Valley
- Recycled grey-watering scheme and natural runoff from tiered vineyards is used for irrigation and garden maintenance for low-pact
- Pesticide free - natural pest control methods are implemented
- Spekboom is planted extensively offsetting the estate's carbon footprint
- Grapes are harvested by hand with baskets, reducing machinery use
- Drip irrigation and moisture sensors throughout the vineyards ensure as little water is wasted as possible
- Extensive tree-care is carried out during the year with 'tree doctors' assessing, treating and maintaining the various tree species on the estate

### IN THE LODGES & BROADER ESTATE

We believe in creating responsibly, whether it be in the kitchens, winery, architecture, art or guest experiences. Every aspect of the estate has been carefully considered to have a positive impact upon the earth, people and our guests.

- Still and sparkling water is filtered & bottled on site
- Linen is washed every second day or on request only to reduce water use
- Pools are fitted with retractable covers for safety and to reduce water loss
- Natural materials in the architecture were sustainably sourced including 4 tonnes of recycled peach pits for the Winery's iconic floor
- Artists featured on the estate largely convey important societal narratives
- Flowers for arrangements are created by a local florist using responsibly sourced flowers