



The Connoisseur's Wine Tour

The connoisseur's wine tour has been meticulously designed to ensure that you visit the most popular Cape wine regions offering signature cultivars from carefully selected wine estates.

The Route: Cape Town – Stellenbosch – Overberg – Hermanus – Robertson – Wellington – Cape Town

Tour Highlights:

- *Table Mountain*
- *Stellenbosch*
- *Franschoek*
- *Hermanus*
- *Wheat & Sheep farm*
- *Robertson – Family wine*



<i>Tour Cost - Fully Guided</i>	<i>01 Nov 2010 - 31 Oct 2011</i>	<i>01 Nov 2011 - 31 Oct 2012</i>
<i>Per Person Sharing - SA Rand (2-3 Persons)</i>	<i>16 990 ZAR</i>	<i>Please Enquire</i>
<i>Per Person Sharing - SA Rand (4-8 Persons)</i>	<i>14 990 ZAR</i>	<i>Please Enquire</i>
<i>Single Supplement - SA Rand</i>	<i>2 895 ZAR</i>	<i>Please Enquire</i>
<i>Children Under 12 - SA Rand</i>	<i>Please Enquire</i>	<i>Please Enquire</i>

Day 1: CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO STELLENBOSCH

From the Airport we travel to Stellenbosch, the capital of the South African Wine region. Depending on time of arrival, we will visit our first quality wine farms. The cool mountain temperatures, cooling breezes from False Bay and its varied soils makes Stellenbosch a perfect wine area. Stellenbosch is especially famous for its excellent Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Blends. It also has a good reputation for Chardonnay, Shiraz and Pinotage, and thanks to the varied soils and its versatility as an area, it also produces great Sauvignon Blancs and some good sparkling wines.

Overnight at Stellenbosch (4 accommodation)*

Day 2: PAARL/WELLINGTON REGION

Today we explore the warm Paarl region. With no cooling sea breeze and the granite content in the soil this is an excellent area for full-blown reds . . . Yes, this is Shiraz country, with Cabernet Sauvignon a close second! However, don't be too surprised though to find some good whites to the likes of Chenin Blanc!

Overnight at Stellenbosch (4 accommodation)*

Day 3: STELLENBOSCH/FRANSCHHOEK REGION

Franschhoek has two draw cards - firstly it is known for its quality Method Cap Classique sparkling wines, with Semillon as its white wine "calling card". Red wines on the list include the favourites - Shiraz, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Overnight at Stellenbosch (4 accommodation)*

Day 4: STELLENBOSCH TO OVERBERG REGION (ELGIN)

The Helderberg Wine area above Somerset West benefits from cool breezes off the ocean and has some of the best wine growing soil in the region. Elgin is a fairly cool region, traditionally an apple growing area and therefore quite new to growing grapes. The wines are of a high standard with exciting aromatic whites (sauvignon blanc) and elegant reds (pinot noir).

Overnight at Guest Farm (4 accommodation)*



Day 5 & 6: OVERBERG REGION (ELGIN TO HERMANUS /HEMEL & AARDE)

This coastal district near Hermanus incorporates the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley. By its proximity to the ocean with the cooling sea breezes and elevation above sea level give it a cool climate which makes for elegant wines. It is most famous for its Pinot Noir, which can only really be successful in a very cool climate, as well as Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinotage.

Overnight at Hermanus (4 accommodation)*

Day 7 & 8: HEMEL&AARDE to BREEDERIVIER REGION

The Robertson area, a very large and dry district and traditionally known as a white wine region, is now famous for its Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. Robertson is also home to some great sparkling wines.

Overnight at Winery Farm (4 accommodation)*

Day 9: BREEDERIVIER REGION to SWARTLAND REGION

Worcester is still the largest wine growing district in South Africa but has never been known for quality. It produces mainly bulk wine that is often sent abroad for bottling in Europe. It can produce some good, everyday, value reds and whites as well as fortified wines (muscadet, jerepigo, and port).

Tulbagh's very warm, mountainous location produces good, solid reds as well as a classic sparkling. Twee Jonge Gezellen, the sparkling wine producer, was the first in South Africa to introduce night harvesting, a practice many have since adopted.

The Swartland region is a warm inland wine growing area near Malmesbury that was traditionally known for big, beefy reds but is now developing a reputation for Chenin Blanc and rich white blends too.

Overnight at Wellington Wine Estate (4 accommodation)*

Day 10: SWARTLAND AND DARLING REGION

The elevated vineyards in the Darling region are cool and suited to Sauvignon Blanc, while its valleys are warm and suited to reds, especially Shiraz. The town is best known as the home of Evita Bezuidenhout.

Overnight at Wellington Wine Estate (4 accommodation)*

Day 11: SWARTLAND REGION TO CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Today we drive back to the airport, but if time allows we visit one more winery and, weather permitting, take a walk on Blouberg Beach with Table Mountain as our backdrop. Durbanville's proximity to Table Bay and the cool sea breezes it receives make it a cool climate area. It has a reputation for Merlot and Sauvignon Blanc.

Included:

- 11 Nights B&B Accommodation
- All entrance fees and wine tasting
- Registered Tour Guide

Excluded:

- All Flights
- All unspecified Meals
- All Beverages
- Gratuities
- Travel Insurance

