



ELGIN VINTNERS

COOL-CLIMATE WINES OF DISTINCTION



UNIQUE COOL-CLIMATE TERROIR

The high-lying cool-climate Elgin Valley, cradled in the ancient sandstone Hottentots-Holland and Kogelberg mountains, was traditionally an apple-growing region. Now award-winning wines showing exceptional poise, finesse and elegance are produced here.

Due to vineyards elevated between 260 and 600 meters above sea level and the unique terroir, the grapes ripen on the vines for longer than local in-land and many of the world's most famous wine regions. The average annual rainfall is 1,011mm with 366mm falling in summer, and parent soils comprise of Table Mountain Sandstone and Bokkeveld Shale.



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WINEMAKER & BUSINESS MANAGER – AUGUSTUS (GUS) DALE

A man that learnt his trade in the vineyards and cellars of Burgundy, his passion for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay has led to him managing the business for Elgin Vintners. After over 23 years of making wine in South Africa, Gus is delighted to have finally found his home in the unique, cool climate region of Elgin.

Environmentally conscious, his minimal interventionist approach and attention to detail bode well for the further advancement of both vineyards and wine production at Elgin Vintners.

“Wine making is the ultimate expression of an entire ecosystem, comprising mother nature and human interaction. The Holy Grail of sustainability is a by-product of achieving harmony and balance between the two...”.



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Fynbos Lite

In the heart of the Elgin Valley, surrounded by the Kogelberg Biosphere – a world heritage site – lies the home of Elgin Vintners on the Elgin Orchards farm which dates to 1890. Elgin Orchards is a WWF Conservation Champion, contributing to the survival of the Fynbos species in this special cool-climate region. Fynbos Lite is light in alcohol, light in kilojoules, and has a lighter carbon footprint than glass and thus commemorates the efforts of our conservation heroes. The range comprises a white blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Viognier and Semillon, and the red is a blend of Merlot Shiraz.





CLOUD HAVEN

Cloud Haven is a true expression of the Elgin Valley cool climate terroir. Farmed on Blaauwkrans in the Elgin Valley, Cloud Haven offers unpretentious and fresh wines, usually released early with each vintage, and made for easy drinking and every day enjoyment. The range consists of a Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot Shiraz blend.



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BELLE AMIE
WINE OF ORIGIN ELGIN · SOUTH AFRICA



Belle Amie – meaning my beautiful friend – is an elegant, dry style blanc de noir made from Merlot and a dash of Shiraz, showing excellent poise and finesse. This refreshing and well-integrated wine is ideal to enjoy on a sunny day with friends and very popular amongst female consumers. Often also bottled in limited 1,5L magnums, it makes for an ideal gift or a great tippie when entertaining.



Carefully selected, hand crafted, domain and vineyard specific wines, the Ridgeland's range is a revelation of true craftsmanship. Barrels are specifically singled out and wines produced in limited quantities to express a true sense of place. The range consists of a Sandstone Barrel-Fermented Sauvignon Blanc, Ponthuis Pinot Noir, Jackal Buzzard Syrah, and Oude Brug Merlot.





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This is the core range in the Elgin Vintners portfolio and consists of 6 wines. Time is taken in the vineyard and picked at optimal ripeness to ensure full-flavoured, ripe, and plush wines. Kept for as long as possible on the fine lees and with minimal intervention in the cellar, this range delivers wine with longevity and excellent maturation potential. The range includes Sauvignon Blanc, Sauvignon Semillon blend, Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Noir and Syrah.





T'KANE OUWE

T'Kane Ouwe, translated as Eland's Path, was a track used by the Khoi herders crossing over the Gantouw mountain range, now Sir Lowry's Pass. This straw wine, made from Viognier grapes, has a natural sugar concentration and well-balanced acidity which ensure an elegant and fresh dessert wine.



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