



ELGIN VINTNERS

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UNIQUE COOL-CLIMATE TERROIR

Elgin Vintners, founded in 2004 by a group of passionate Elgin farmers and businessmen, is a premium boutique wine farm situated in the Elgin Valley of South Africa's Western Cape. Nestled in this cool, high-altitude basin, surrounded by the ancient Hottentots Holland and Kogelberg mountains, Elgin Vintners produces wines that embody finesse and elegance. The vineyards, planted among apple and pear orchards, benefit from a unique terroir influenced by Table Mountain Sandstone and Bokkeveld Shale soils. The unique growing conditions allow grapes to ripen slowly, resulting in wines of exceptional freshness and complexity. With a focus on minimal intervention winemaking, Elgin Vintners crafts elegant whites like Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, along with delicate Pinot Noir and restrained Syrah, all reflecting the region's true character.



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CLOUD HAVEN

Cloud Haven is a true expression of the Elgin Valley's cool-climate terroir. Farmed in the Elgin Valley, the range offers unpretentious wines, and made for easy drinking. The range consists of a Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir. All grapes come from Elgin Orchards on the Ridgeland property. The fruit is picked early and fermented in stainless steel tanks to promote a fresher, fruitier style with lower alcohol.



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BELLE AMIE

Belle Amie is a delicate Rosé crafted in a Blanc de Noir style (a white wine made from black grapes). Whole bunches are pressed to “bleed” as little colour from the grapes as possible, resulting in the wine’s characteristic pale blush hue and an alcohol of 12% vol, with beautiful clarity when observed through natural light.

Aromas and flavours of watermelon and pomegranate awaken the palate, leading to a well-balanced wine with a silky texture and remarkable lightness. The finish is bone-dry and crisp, leaving you craving the next sip.



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ELGIN VINTNERS CORE RANGE

This is the core range in the Elgin Vintners portfolio and consists of five wines. Time is taken in the vineyard, with fruit picked at optimal ripeness to ensure full-flavoured, ripe and plush wines. Kept for as long as possible on the fine lees and made with minimal intervention in the cellar, this range delivers wines with longevity and excellent maturation potential.

The range includes Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Syrah and Merlot.

All wines in this range are fermented using indigenous yeasts. Only the Sauvignon Blanc is fermented in stainless steel. All other wines are fermented and matured in French oak in a combination of 4000L foudres, 500L, 300L and 228L barrels, less than 10% of which are new oak.

All wood-fermented wines undergo spontaneous MLF (malolactic fermentation) to varying degrees (Chardonnay 40-60%; all reds 100%). The wines are then matured on the lees for between 10 months (Chardonnay) and up to 16 months (Syrah).



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RIDGELANDS

Our site-specific range is gradually transitioning to the Ridgels brand, starting with the Sauvignon Blanc 2023. Limited stocks of the original Site Specific range remain available (Ponthuis Pinot Noir, Ironstone Syrah and Oudebrug Merlot).

The new Ridgels range will only be produced in exceptional vintages, with production limited to fewer than 900 bottles per varietal. Like a vintage Champagne or Vintage Port, these wines will only be released when a truly exceptional barrel or two are identified in a given year – not produced systematically every year.

They are crafted to build complexity and offer longevity – wines intended for collectors.



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Over the past few years, Elgin Vintners has steadily built a reputation for consistency and quality, earning growing recognition across its range. Under the leadership of winemaker Gus Dale, the wines have continued to refine their identity while expressing the distinctive character of the Elgin Valley with greater precision.

Recent accolades reflect this upward trajectory. Ridgелands Sauvignon Blanc received 4.5 stars and a 94-point rating from Tim Atkin, while Elgin Vintners Chardonnay achieved 4.5 stars and 92 points, also earning recognition from Decanter. The Elgin Vintners Pinot Noir followed with 4.5 stars and 93 points, and Cloud Haven Pinot Noir secured 4 stars with 90 points, noted for its strong value. Even the Elgin Vintners Sauvignon Blanc continues to earn consistent 4.5-star recognition.

Together, these results signal more than individual successes. They reflect a cellar and vineyard team working with increasing focus and confidence – fine-tuning their approach, deepening their understanding of site, and allowing each variety to articulate a clearer sense of place.

This steady rise in recognition is a testament to a winery moving from strength to strength: honing its style, clarifying its voice, and crafting wines that speak more distinctly of Elgin with every vintage.



RIDGELANDS
Sauvignon Blanc
4.5 Stars, Highly Recommended
94 Tim Atkin



ELGIN VINTNERS
Pinot Noir
4.5 Stars
93 Tim Atkin



ELGIN VINTNERS
Chardonnay
4.5 Stars
92 Tim Atkin - 92 decanters



CLOUD HAVEN
Pinot Noir
4 Stars & Good Value
90 points Tim Atkin



ELGIN VINTNERS
Sauvignon Blanc
4.5 Stars





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