

# Delaire Graff Estate

STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA



**D**elaire Graff Estate is situated in Stellenbosch in the heart of South Africa's most historic and prestigious wine region. Founded by Simon van der Stel in 1679, Simon brought a sound knowledge of viticulture, the art of wine making – fostering a tradition that has grown from strength to strength through the centuries. In 1982 John Platter, well known wine writer, bought Delaire, then known as Avontuur. Looking at the magnificent view, he decided to rename the farm Delaire Estate, meaning

“From the Sky”. Laurence Graff, Chairman of Graff Diamonds International acquired the estate in 2003 and vowed to transform it into South Africa's most desirable art, hospitality and wine destination.

Delaire Graff Estate aims for red wines that are big in structure with soft tannins and elegance, and white wines which capture the freshness of the harvest. With one of the most advanced cellars in the Southern Hemisphere, which became operational in 2008, in just three years the Estate can be comfortably rated as one of the top ten wine producers in South Africa.

**REGION:** Stellenbosch, South Africa

**YEAR FOUNDED:** Purchased by Lawrence Graff in 2003

**PROPRIETORS:** Lawrence Graff

**WINEMAKER:** Morné Vrey

**SIZE OF PROPERTY:** 60 ha (148.5 acres) total, 25 ha (62 acres) planted

**TERROIR:** Delaire Graff Estate's unique terroir on the crest of the panoramic Helshoogte Mountain Pass is noted for its high-altitude vineyards, excellent soils and cooling sea breezes.

**VARIETIES CULTIVATED: WHITE:** Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinotage, Cabernet Franc, Shiraz, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Semillion