



About the Country of SOUTH AFRICA

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1655 : 1st vine planted by Gov, Jan Van Riebeeck to supply the Dutch East India Tradition Company .. a glass a day to prevent scurvy...
Van der Stel planted thousands of non-indigenous oak trees to block wind
1659 (2/2): 1st wine is made
Wines of Constantia international acclaim. Sweet Muscat.
.. Ostrich farms supplied feather craze of 18th century...
1972: Official WINE OF ORIGIN scheme established

1994
End of
of
Apartheid

TRANSLATION

BEE: Black Enterprise Empowerment
BWI: Promotes preservation of native species and the removal of alien species.
FAIRTRADE: a strategy for poverty alleviation and sustainable development.
HANNUWA: the gathering of good fortune through living in sustainable harmony with our natural environment.
IPW: SA sustainable production certification.
KWV: Kooperatiewe Wijnbouwers Vereeniging. Founded in 1918 to represent the interests of wine farmers and regulate the stable growth of the Cape's wine industry, it was privatized in 1997, allowing for the deregulation of the industry.

The only wine region bordered by 2 oceans, each with climate altering winds; cold Benguela Current from Antarctica along Atlantic and gale force, Cape Doctor from warm Indian ocean across Breede River Valley.

Old world minerality + new world fruit
Cap Classique is Methode Champenoise

Whites: Chenin Blanc (Steen), Sauvignon Blanc, Cape Riesling, Chardonnay, Muscadelle
Reds: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault, Pinotage (Pinot Noir + Cinsault), Shiraz, Malbec

The Cape Floral Kingdom (CFK), is the richest floral kingdom on the planet, with over 90,000 types of flora. The enormous diversity in soil type, topography and climatic conditions gives rise to complex, distinctive and varied wines.

WINE OF ORIGIN

"W.O." on label

All wines for export must be granted an export license

Estate = contiguous vineyards farmed as single units with facilities for all processes

Ward = soil, climate, ecological factors clearly influence distinctive wine character

District = broader definition than ward, using macro geological characteristics (mountains & rivers)

Region = defined according to the encompassing area name

Geographical Unit (1993) = Western Cape, Northern Cape, KwaZulu- Natal

VINTAGE

75% through 2005, 85% after and for EU

CULTIVAR

75 approved

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The South African wine industry is backed by

- South Africa's Wine of Origin legislation
- Nietvoorbij Institute for Viticulture & Oenology
- University of Stellenbosch
- Elsenburg Agricultural College

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WINEGROWING AREAS OF SOUTH AFRICA

COASTAL REGION

Districts:

- SWARTLAND
- STELLENBOSCH
- TYGERBERG
- CAPE POINT
- CONSTANTIA (WARD)
- TULBAGH
- PAARL
- DARLING

KLEIN KARDO REGION

Districts:

- CALITZDORP
- UPPER LANGKLOOF (WARD)

WARDS NOT PART OF A REGION

- CERES
- CEDERBERG
- LOWER ORANGE
- PRINCE ALBERT VALLEY

OLIFANTS RIVER REGION

Districts:

- LUTZVILLE VALLEY
- CITRUSDAL VALLEY
- CITRUSDAL MOUNTAIN

BREEDE RIVER VALLEY REGION

Districts:

- BREEDEKLOOF
- WORCESTER
- ROBERTSON
- SWELLENDAM

DISTRICTS NOT PART OF A REGION

- OVERBERG
- WALKER BAY
- DOUGLAS
- CAPE AGULHAS
- BOTRIEVIER





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WINE AGENCY

<u>Region</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Climate & Soil</u>	<u>of Note</u>
BREDE RIVER VALLEY <i>like Lodi, inland with high elevation. Warm, cool nights.</i>	BREDEKLOOF	Goudini, Slanghoek	Cape Doctor.	
	ROBERTSON	No ward	Hot, arid & flat. Minimal rainfall. Breede River often dries up in summer. Irrigation from Brandvlei Dam. Lime-rich sandy soils. Cape Doctor.	Mostly white wines, historically for fortification. Newer plantings of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon.
	WORCESTER	No ward	East of Paarl, mtns 3 sides. Many rivers, lowlands w/winter runoff. Rainfall varies, some drainage tiles, others irrigate.	20-25% of nation's grape crop. Raisins until WWII. 3rd largest wine region in SA. Mostly distilled or fortified.
	SWELLENDAM	No ward	Cape Doctor.	
COASTAL	CAPE POINT	No ward		
	NO DISTRICT	Constantia, Hout Bay		World famous sweet muscat, 1800's.
	DARLING	Groenekloof		
	FRANSCHHOEK VALLEY <i>Sonoma</i>	No ward		Settled by French Huegenots in 17th century
	PAARL <i>Sonoma</i>	Simonsberg-Paarl, Voor Paardeberg, Wellington	Warmer inland region, Groot Drakenstein, Franschhoek & Klein Drakenstein Mts surround but west is broad plain. Strong Atlantic winds. Table Mountain Sandstone in Berg River Valley, granitic mtn slopes & Malmsbury Shale in NE.	Home to KWV, distills wine for brandy and other spirits, fortified sherry & portlike wines, sparkling & still table wine.
	STELLENBOSCH <i>Napa</i>	Banghoek, Bottleary, Devon Valley, Jonkershoek Valley, Papegaaiberg, Polkadraai Hills, Simonsberg-Stellenbosch	Eastern 1/2 of False Bay, cluster of tall mountain ranges; Hottentots-Holland, Helderberg, Stellenbosch & Simonsberg. Warm-hot summers, stiff cooling winds. Granite, sandstone, alluvial soils.	2nd oldest and most important red wine region. U of Stellenbosch, Nietvoorbij Institute, Elsenburg School of Agriculture.
	SWARTLAND <i>Santa Barbara rolling hills</i>	Malmesberg, Riebeeckberg	North of Durbanville & Paarl, east of Atlantic, west of Berg River. Open and fertile land, Malmesbury Shale, granite outcroppings with Table Mountain Sandstone.	Dominant crop is wheat. Starting to specialize in Rhone varieties. Hot region despite cooling Atlantic winds.
	TULBAGH	No ward	Surrounded by mtns; Witzenberg (east), Winterhoek Range (north) Oukloof & Elandsloof (west). Kellin Berg River valley for irrigation. Continental climate. Soils largely rock with sands and sandy gravels atop clays near river.	Stone is the hallmark of the hillsides.
TYGERBERG	Durbanville, Philadelphia			
KLEIN KAROO	CALITZDORP	No ward	Hot & arid, water shortage. Deep alluvial soils and clays. Vineyards flank riverbeds and irrigate.	Region: inland, east/west between Swartberg (north) and Langeberg & Outeniqua Mts (south). Post WWI ostrich feather ranches to grapes.
	LANGEBERG-GARCIA	No ward		
	NO DISTRICT	Montagu, Outeniqua, Tradouw, Tradouw Highlands, Upper Langkloof		
OLIFANTS RIVER	NO DISTRICT	Bamboes Bay	Northernmost wine region in SA. Borders Atlantic, hot and dry.	Region: 1st vines mid-1800's on fertile red sands near river. Brandy production was mainstay for 70 yrs. Viticulture, citrus crops and rooibos tea.
	CITRUSDAL MTN	Piekenierskloof		
	CITRUSDAL VALLEY	No ward		
	LUTZVILLE VALLEY	Koekenaap		
	NO DISTRICT	Spruitdrift, Vredendal		
NO REGION	CAPE AGULHAS <i>Mnd</i>	Elim		
	DOUGLAS <i>Mendo</i>	No ward	Orange River	
	OVERBERG <i>Mendocino</i>	Elgin, Greyton, Klein River, Theewater	Near coast where Atlantic meets Indian. Coolest in country, late ripening grapes. Mountainous topography, sandy soils.	Elgin impressive mountain vineyard Sauvignon Blanc.
	PLATTENBERG BAY	No ward	Indian Ocean	Warm ocean air.
	WALKER BAY <i>Sonoma Coast</i>	Bot River, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Sunday's Glen	Maritime climate. Near coast where Atlantic meets Indian. Coolest in country, late ripening grapes. Mountainous topography, sandy soils.	Success with Pinot Noir & Chardonnay. Hemel-en-Aarde = heaven & earth.
	NO DISTRICT	Cederberg, Ceres, Hartswater, Herbertsdale, Lambert's Bay, Lower Orange, Prince Albert Valley, Rietrivier (FS), Swartberg		Cederberg Wildlife Preserve.