



AGULHAS WINE TRIANGLE

WINE FOR EXPLORERS



WHO WE ARE

The southernmost vineyards on the African continent, ancient soils, extreme winds, a raw landscape, custodians of nature, terroir-driven wine, a quest for adventure.

This is the Agulhas Wine Triangle, Wine for Explorers.

The Agulhas Wine Triangle (AWT) was established in 2019 as a non-profit company to showcase the wines, tourism and natural beauty of the Agulhas area.

The Agulhas area's harmony with nature is reflected in the rich biodiversity of flourishing flora, abundant birdlife, protected wetlands and great white sharks roaming the ocean. The region is raw and honest. Within the windswept plains, there is resilience and serenity. The people from Agulhas and the surrounding areas have made a choice to be there; they are the custodians of both nature and agriculture.

The wind sweeps in from across the ocean and cools down the region. The maritime climate and cool ocean winds result in lower yields and gradual ripening of the grapes which means that the wines from the AWT show a very distinctive common theme of elegance, with concentrated flavour and depth.

The AWT members represent the region's favourite wineries: Black Oystercatcher Wines, Ghost Corner, Land's End, Strandveld Vineyards, The Giant Periwinkle and Trizanne Signature Wines from the Elim wine ward; Sijnn Wines from Malgas; Olivedale Wines from Swellendam; Lomond from Cape Agulhas; and The Drift Estate from Napier.

AWT MAP



The Agulhas Wine Triangle is off the beaten track but, however, still in close proximity to Cape Town International Airport (175 km from the airport to Elim).

AWT MEMBERS



Black Oystercatcher is a family-run wine farm at the cool, southernmost tip of Africa. The unique region crafts cool-climate wines, creating penetrating fruit flavours and a distinctive minerality.

Black Oystercatcher is more than a winery: it's a destination. We offer quality meals, served in the restaurant and prepared as the seasons dictate. Enjoy a wine tasting and shop for local crafts and produce in the tasting room and gift shop. And you can stay over in the self-catering cottages overlooking the biodiversity-rich Agulhas Plain.



DAVID NIEUWOUDT
GHOST CORNER

ELIM SOUTH AFRICA



The extreme and mysterious landscape at the southernmost tip of Africa has been the inspiration for the Ghost Corner wines. More than 130 ships have found their last resting place in these treacherous waters, where compass readings show no deviation between magnetic and true north, and navigation was just about impossible on dark and stormy nights.

Inland from this dramatic coastline, in the Elim ward, lie the vineyards where winemaker David Nieuwoudt makes the most of excellent growing conditions, cooling southeasterly breezes and the extreme climate. The deep lime-rich soils with plentiful slate and gravel deposits give rise to the exceptional Ghost Corner wines – Sauvignon Blanc, Wild Ferment Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Pinot Noir and The Bowline. A range of wines that linger on the palate, evoking a sense of mysteries past.



LAND'S END



Known as the oldest brand from the AWT, Land's End's Cape Agulhas grapes are sourced from the southernmost tip of the African continent where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet. Ancient soils of sandstone, quartz and broken shale lead to a unique terroir, while the cool maritime climate and strong winds temper the vineyards to restrict skyward growth and allow for gradual ripening of the grapes.

Land's End produces Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah wines that have distinctive varietal characteristics, with low yields delivering concentrated and complex flavours, elegance, structure and depth, reflecting the uniqueness of the region.





Lomond

CAPE AGULHAS WINES

Lomond is situated on The Agulhas Plain near the southernmost tip of Africa at Cape Agulhas – the meeting place of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans – eight km from the fishing village of Gansbaai and within sight of the sea. The vineyards were planted only on previously cultivated land within sight of the ocean. This maritime climate ensures that the vineyards are kept cool by the sea breezes which results in late-ripening, intense fruit.

On the slopes of the Ben Lomond mountain in the Uilenkraal Valley, our vineyards are planted on as many as 18 different soil types. These appear naturally in small pockets along the slopes and produce intriguingly complex wines with flavour profiles that differ markedly from one block to the next. This unique combination of geography, geology and climate results in a terroir that is perfect for producing world-class wine.

The Cape Agulhas appellation has its place among the world's top winegrowing regions, and is one about which we are incredibly passionate. We invite you to join us at The TastingRoom@Lomond which overlooks the 100 ha Lomond Dam and provides guests with unparalleled views of the farm, vineyards and valley. Food platters are available and include local cheese from Stonehouse, cold meats from Richard Bosman, and trout and pâté from our dam.



The name Olivedale is something of a misnomer. It has little, if anything to do with the cultivated Mediterranean fruit, but refers to the indigenous olievenhout or wild olive tree that can still be found in the area surrounding Swellendam.

Olivedale is a rural community within the Buffeljagsrivier settlement which is part of the Swellendam district. Here farming is done hand-in-hand with nature, respecting the vine and what it produces. With little interference and only nature to guide us, we make wine that reflects our terroir and our respect for Mother Nature.



SIJNN

WINE OF MALGAS

A beautiful pioneering wine estate in the middle of nowhere at the end of a long, dusty, bumpy road at the southern tip of Africa. When David and Rita Trafford visited the Malgas region for the first time in 2000, they were blown away by the incredible soils, specifically in the Lemoentuin area, and immediately set about finding a suitable property to purchase.

Sijnn is a true unicorn within the Cape Winelands. Located in Malgas, it was the first growth appellation in the entire region. Situated 15 km from the sea, the maritime climate is warm but not too hot, and moderated by southerly winds off the ocean in the late morning just about every day, especially in summer. Due to the low vigour and low yields from the poor soils and dry climate, all the vines are grown as bush vines, adapting to their environment in a natural way with gentle help from the human hands.



STRANDVELD
VINEYARDS

Strandveld Vineyards is a beautiful, wind-swept winery located nine km from the sea. Situated between Elim and Cape Agulhas, it is the southernmost winery on the continent of Africa. 'Strandveld' refers to the coastal belt of land that spans the coastline around Africa's tempestuous southernmost tip at Cape Agulhas. Lying almost 35° south, the Cape South Coast region is characterised by severe wind, mist and cool temperatures. This confluence of maritime climate, varying sites and soil types creates the diversity of terroir that distinguishes the wines of Strandveld Vineyards.

While some may lament the fierce winds, rolling sea mists and cool temperatures, these are the foundation for growing the grapes that make the distinctive Strandveld wines. Strandveld Vineyards' wines are made from specially selected vines in very limited quantities, crafted from only the finest grapes which uniquely express the terroir of the Strandveld.

Our First Sighting range pays homage to the great vision that inspired Portuguese explorers to discover a sea route to the spice-rich East. First Sighting wines are delightfully quaffable and are perfect for enjoying every day. True to their coastal origins, you will find that slow ripening yields generous flavours. Decisions in the vineyards and in the cellar are all made with one idea in mind – creating versatile wines that can be enjoyed at every occasion.





The focus of The Drift Estate is beautiful in its simplicity –to craft unique, intriguing and unusually delicious wine from a small, distinct corner of the universe.

The Drift makes wine that is enjoyable in youth but capable of being enjoyed for many decades to come. It begins with understanding and loving the land, being sensitive to the long-term needs of the vines, and treating grapes with the utmost respect and care in the Estate winery.



THE GIANT PERIWINKLE

Pierre Rabie already considered himself a ‘winemaker’ at the tender age of nine. His friends and partners, Karen van Helden and Robert Stelzner, were introduced to the wine when helping him with the bottling of his Giant Periwinkle wine many years ago. The wine would later be served at their wedding.

Pierre established The Giant Periwinkle from small beginnings in rented spaces and hand-crafted labels to where it is now– still a fledgling winery but with its own cellar, vineyards and brand-new label. The home of The Giant Periwinkle can now be found at South Cape Vineyards, a small farm (previously Tolbos/Die Werf) that still needs to grow into its new name. The farm is near Baardskeerdersbos, a stone’s throw from Elim in the Cape Agulhas wine district.



Trizanne Barnard is an independent winemaker focusing on creating wines from varieties that she considers are best suited to their origin. This focus led her to Elim 11 years ago where, to this day, she creates Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Syrah wines.

Trizanne believes these varieties thrive in the Elim soils and micro-climate, providing beautiful, cool-climate expression of the terrain. Trizanne loves the vastness of Elim, the raw energy of the two ocean masses that meet here at our southernmost tip of Africa, the ancient soils and the wind’s soul blowing life into the vineyards, all of which find expression in her wines.



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