
HISTORY & BACKGROUND

Vergelegen, meaning “situated far away”, was granted to the Governor of the Cape, Willem Adriaan van der Stel, in 1700. Since then, the Estate has been crafted by some of the world's greatest explorers and visionaries, who each in their own way have helped shape Vergelegen to what it is today: a world-class Estate. Vergelegen has been owned by the Anglo American plc group since 1987.

Vergelegen has twice won the coveted Château Pichon-Longueville-Comtesse-de-Lalande Trophy for best red blend and continues to achieve critical acclaim for its success in maintaining the delicate balance between wine production, the conservation of its rich heritage and the environment. This harmonious blend of the 'old' and the 'new' has attracted a stream of local and international visitors with private and official visits by dignitaries from across the world, including ex-President Nelson Mandela, Queen Elizabeth II accompanied by Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, ex-President Bill Clinton and King Charles III.

Today this most prestigious and awarded Estate offers its visitors a unique combination of wine, heritage, environment and hospitality and stands at the forefront of South Africa's recent wine renaissance. The Vergelegen Estate is one of those rare places where the visitor can enjoy a journey of discovery into a “world” that proudly links the layers of the Cape's rich and diverse history.

ART & CULTURE

The cultural heritage of Vergelegen is set in the pastoral tranquility of extensive gardens and grounds: the Homestead, Library and associated buildings have been refurbished and offer interiors that provide a layered historicism of the 300 plus years of Vergelegen's existence. This is achieved through the display of treasured antiques, objects and ceramics set against the backdrop of important artworks from the Permanent Collection of Iziko Museum's South African National Gallery. For the visitor's added enjoyment and interest, there are informative displays at the exhibition corridor in the Homestead.

Keep a look out for the beautiful sculptures situated throughout the gardens.

GARDENS

The philosophy of our award-winning gardens is to reflect the best from all of the historical periods of the past 300 years.

There are 17 unique gardens to explore and wander through, ranging from the only Camellia Garden of Excellence in South Africa, to the splendid Octagonal Garden. The oldest oak tree in South Africa, the ancient White Mulberry tree and of course the five magnificent camphor trees gracing the front of the Homestead, all bear testimony to the founder, Willem Adriaan van der Stel's great horticultural talent and vision.

The historic core, approximately 60 ha in extent, includes the Octagonal Garden, the surrounding gardens and lawns, oak parklands and oak plantation, camphor forest and open pastures. At no point is the garden visible in its entirety. There is a theme of generous and intimate garden areas, contrasting the simple with the bold and the formality of the gardens with the informality of grasses, woodlands and our arboretum.

RESTAURANTS

Enjoy a dining experience at one of three venues, different in style but with one common ingredient - a tantalising culinary experience that complements Vergelegen's award-winning wines.

ROSE TERRACE TEA ROOM

The Rose Terrace Tea Room is located beside a glorious rose garden, where hundreds of fragrant rose bushes create a serene, scented atmosphere. Satisfy sweet cravings with an ever-changing range of cakes, from traditional favourites to one-of-a-kind creations and delicious savouries such as pies and quiches. Rose Terrace is the perfect choice for a relaxed gathering of friends, or a soothing solo retreat. Indoor and outdoor seating is available, no bookings.

STABLES AT VERGELEGEN:

Admire breathtaking views of the Hottentots Holland mountain range whilst you dine 'bistro style' at the Stables Restaurant. Stables at Vergelegen offers visitors a casual dining experience in a relaxed family friendly environment.

PICNICS AT VERGELEGEN:

Relax in our “enchanted forest” whilst enjoying an elegant classical picnic in the shadow of a centuries-old camphor forest (November – April).

TOURS

Cellar Tour - Drive past our vineyards to visit our winery and see first-hand the winemaking process come to life.

Environmental Tour - Drive in our luxury safari vehicle to our 1900ha private nature reserve. See various species of antelope including Eland, Bontebok and other species.

Heritage and Garden Tour - A guided tour of the gardens and historical buildings with our passionate guides.

Book in the Tasting Room.

WINES & THE TASTING ROOM

In the making of our wines a simple philosophy is followed. There must be harmony between the 'old' and the 'new'. Simplicity is combined with rigorous selection and infinite attention to detail and craftsmanship.

Join us in experiencing Vergelegen's range of exceptional wines in our tasting room where service excellence defines our tasting experience. Join us on a cellar or environmental tour and view first-hand the state-of-the-art winery with its layered gravity flow concept and panoramic views, or our 1900ha private nature reserve (tour bookings can be made in the tasting room or on our website).



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Vergelegen is a fully operational farm. Entry is at own risk.
NO PRIVATE PICNICS. REGRET NO PETS ALLOWED.
PLEASE DO NOT LITTER, PICK FLOWERS, OR LIGHT FIRES.



VERGELEGEN
Extraordinary by nature

A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY
THROUGH OUR ESTATE

MAP KEYS

- 1 Visitor parking (P)
- 2 Wine Tasting Room and Information Centre
- 3 Orangerie
- 4 Stables at Vergelegen (H)
- 5 East Garden (Including children's play area & maze)
- 6 Slave Lodge Site
- 7 Octagonal Garden
- 8 Homestead
- 9 Historic Camphor Trees / Great Lawn
- 10 Function Venue
- 11 Reflection Garden
- 12 Old Oak Tree (planted around 1700)
- 13 Royal Oak (Planted in 1928)
- 14 Maple Tree Garden
- 15 Old Mill Wall
- 16 Yellowwood Walk (Old yellowwood tree planted around 1700)
- 17 Certified Camellia Garden of Excellence (A B C)
- 18 Wetland Garden
- 19 Picnics at Vergelegen (H)
- 20 Rose Garden
- 21 Rose Terrace Tea Room
- 22 Hydrangea Garden
- 23 Library
- Public Toilets (H)
- Paved for Vehicle Access (Grey circle)
- Main Pedestrian Pathway (Yellow line)
- Disabled Access (Where it detours from pedestrian pathway) (Orange line)

