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LAGOON WINE ESTATE



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Walker Bay

**Name of wine estate:**

Benguela Cove Lagoon Wine Estate

**Country:** South Africa

**Wine region:** Walker Bay, Hermanus

**Standout points:** Stunning oceanside location and nature reserve, WWF Conservation Champion, cool-climate vineyard. Cellar tours, pontoon boat cruises and wine pairing experiences; gourmet food at Moody Lagoon Restaurant overlooking the beautiful lagoon. Art gallery, tea terrace, Pirate Adventure Golf.

**Winemaker:** Johann Fourie

**Wine style:** Captures and showcases the spirit of the estate. Eminently drinkable, elegant and balanced wines with fruit purity and longevity. Classic in style, the wines highlight the winemaker's philosophy and their cool-climate provenance at this special location at Benguela Cove in Walker Bay.

**Grape cultivars:** Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot

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# Unique South African

## Wine Destination at Lagoon Nature Reserve



**With the vineyard location in a tranquil lagoon at the very edge of the Atlantic Ocean, owner Penny Streeter OBE and her family have created an outstanding wine destination on the Hermanus Wine Route in the Walker Bay region of the South African Cape Winelands.**

In 2013 she acquired the struggling Benguela Cove vineyard and has transformed the estate into an award-winning wine producer and hospitality venue.

The unique climatic conditions create a sublime setting for visitors and a special terroir to produce wines of distinction, as the lowest lying vineyard, with the longest seaboard in the world.

The south-easterly sea breeze is chilled by the Benguela Current flowing up from Antarctica, to cool the grapes at night after warm summer days, for slow ripening and perfect viticulture.

Penny has since taken her vision to two properties in the UK, with the guidance of Benguela's acclaimed South African winemaker, Johann Fourie – creating new vineyards in Sussex at England's first wine and golf estate in 2017, and Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens in 2018.

## Your Visit

Framed by majestic mountains, panoramic views of the Bot River Lagoon and vistas of the Atlantic Ocean, the 220-hectare wine estate presents you with a stunning first impression.

Benguela Cove is situated an hour's drive from Cape Town International Airport, 15km from the town of Hermanus, renowned worldwide for whale-watching tourism. The Streeter family's investment to create a new wine destination has further boosted the attractions of the Western Cape Province, enticing international visitors in search of great food, wine and attractions.

The estate is set in a Renosterveld Nature Reserve, a haven for rare birds and other wildlife, sustained by a vineyard team determined to farm as naturally as possible, in harmony with nature. World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) has awarded Benguela Cove Lagoon Wine Estate the top award for excellence, as a Conservation Champion.



# Gourmet Food, Wine Safari and Pontoon Cruise



The Benguela experience starts with one of the friendly wine ambassadors meeting you to present the special offerings of the estate. Planted to 65 hectares of vineyards and 10 hectares of olive trees, the vineyard safari route includes a wine and olive tasting and cellar tour - and you can even blend your own wine.

The ocean side location offers a new dimension to wine tourism; you can enjoy a pontoon cruise on the tranquil lagoon and experience the symmetry of magnificent views, food and wine.

Returning to the estate and visiting the winery, you have a choice of wine tastings and pairings, including with cheese, charcuterie or chocolate. Gastronomes can try the signature wine and oyster pairing.

For a full day's experience, visitors enjoy gourmet dining at the estate restaurant Moody Lagoon where local produce is celebrated. Any children can be occupied with buckets of fun at the on-site Pirate Adventure Golf Course and Splash Pad.




# THE WINES

With painstaking precision, making the most of the wealth of soil types, microclimates and slopes at his disposal, winemaker Johann Fourie has created an **award-winning range** of red, white, rosé and sparkling wines. They are expressive of the cool-climate terroir, at the very edge of the Atlantic Ocean.

These efforts are undoubtedly showing in the intense yet finessed ranges being made at the new winery, completed in 2017. With grand chandeliers, the 400-ton, gravity-fed winery was innovatively designed to house both traditional and the latest winemaking methods for the estate's main grape cultivars of Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah – as well as Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Semillon, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.



## art and Live Events

Ocean views, gourmet food and wine tasting experiences – and also art exhibitions and live music events. With a growing reputation as a cultural centre in the Western Cape, the estate's gallery features an exciting programme of art and sculptures, including the stunning 7m tall bronze Faith, by Anton Smit.

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to two properties in the UK,  
Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens and  
Mannings Heath Golf & Wine Estate.



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Acquired 2018 | 3.1 Acres  
2018 First vines planted  
4,000 bottles annually  
2022 First estate Pinotage  
First commercial planting of Pinotage in the UK

**Standout points**

Michelin Star Restaurant Interlude,  
with luxury accommodation.  
Grade I Listed, 'England's Finest Woodland Gardens'.  
Rare flora and fauna in the stunning 240-acre estate.  
Harvest grape picking open days.

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Acquired 2017 | 34 Acres  
2017 First vines planted  
70,000 bottles annually  
2023 First release of wine

**Sparkling wine cultivars**

60% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir  
and 10% Pinot Meunier

**Standout points**

UK's first golf and wine estate.  
Vineyard golf buggy tours  
and wine tastings, restaurant  
and terraces overlooking the  
international 18-hole golf course.

