



Award-winning winemaker André van Rensburg's 2016 vintage at Vergelegen was his nineteenth on the estate. With an unwavering attention to detail and a hunger for excellence, creativity and innovation, he is a self-proclaimed 'perfectionist'. The combination of a passionate longstanding team, solid determination and dogged enthusiasm ensure that Vergelegen's winemaking philosophy is adhered to: there must be harmony between the old and the new.



IMAGES This page – Top – Vergelegen Homestead. Middle – Winemaker Andre Van Rensburg (centre) with team. Bottom – Vergelegen Winery and mountains. Opposite page – Vergelegen garden and Stables Bistrocastle.

Vergelegen is an important estate in the area and environmental conservation is of key importance to the region and South Africa



design of the winery is unlike any previously built in South Africa and is based on the principles of gentle handling, visual control and natural gravity flow. This was undoubtedly the start of Vergelegen's renaissance. Boasting a rich array of twenty-one different soil types, some of which are among the most ancient agricultural soils in the world, vines have mainly been established on clovelly, glenrosa and pinedene soils. These soils are characterised by a high clay content, ensuring good water retention during the critical early-Summer ripening stage.

The unique combination of all the elements that make up the terroir of Vergelegen is key to the production of its signature style of wines. The growing climate is mild due to the close proximity to the chilly Atlantic Ocean at False Bay six kilometres away, with vineyard sites ranging in altitude between 140m and 310m above sea level and slopes facing north to north-west and south to south-east.

Vergelegen's unique and rich vineyard holdings allow award-winning winemaker, André van

Rensburg, to pursue his hunger for excellence, creativity and innovation. A self-proclaimed 'perfectionist', van Rensburg's unwavering attention to detail and his passionate, longstanding team have ensured that Vergelegen's winemaking philosophy of "harmony between the old and the new" has never faltered in the nineteen years that he's been leading the winemaking efforts.

Vergelegen is renowned for producing elegant, handcrafted wines and has a widely respected reputation

IMAGES Bottom left – Cellar door.
Top right – Gardens. Bottom right – Estate Vineyard and winery.





In terms of grape varieties, Vergelegen is planted with classic international varieties such as Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon and Chardonnay for the whites and Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot and Shiraz for the reds. Vergelegen's flagship wine is the Vergelegen G.V.B. Red, a structured and well balanced single vineyard blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.

Aside from excellence in the production of its wines, Vergelegen has been acknowledged as South Africa's first Wine and Biodiversity Champion. With only 149 hectares taken up with vineyard plantings, the rest of the estate has been ringfenced for environmental conservation. Situated in one of the richest floral regions of the world, the

Vergelegen estate is home to some of the Cape's most pristine natural flora and fauna. The importance and scale of the conservation project undertaken at Vergelegen is shown by the fact that it is considered the biggest private environmental project of its kind in South Africa.

IMAGES Above - Classic view of winery over dam. Bottles - DNA, GVB and V.

