

# The Place

By sharing the land amongst all the stakeholders and training people to understand and appreciate - as well as work on - the land, Delheim is fostering a system that yields a livelihood for everyone; one that will continue to do so for future generations.

With **375 hectares** of land situated in the beautiful **Simonsberg Ward** of Stellenbosch, Delheim is a keen exponent of the wine industry's movement to conserve the region.

- Having passed a series of rigorous tests, not the least of which was to re-route and recycle farm and cellar water for irrigation and preservation purposes, Delheim is only the seventh farm to be crowned a **Biodiversity & Wine Initiative (BWI) Champion**.
- Delheim is a **pioneering** member of the **Klapmutskop Renosterveld Conservancy**. It has led the introduction of a number of **ecotourism and eco-friendly initiatives** to help protect the area and sustain the people that work in the conservancy. Some initiatives include hiking and biking trails, outdoor classrooms and a **renosterveld education** programme, the establishment of a nursery, a bird hide and the maintenance of the conservancy through alien clearing and replanting of **indigenous species**. So far, one 'red list' species has been found and the **Kew Millennium Seed Bank Project** has been collecting seeds over the past four years.
- Covering all aspects of conservation, Delheim also works with projects such as the **Cape Nature Stewardship Programme**, the **Millennium Seedbank Project**, **Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens** and the **Landcare Alien Clearing Project**.



Delheim vineyards

# The Wines and the Vines

Delheim tackles everything naturally so that life on the farm may thrive as it should.

- Around 60 000 **parasites are released** into the vineyards every year to eat the mealy bugs. The population will soon be large enough to obviate this process in the future.
- Delheim has passed the integrated production of wine (**IPW**) **regulations**, whereby no unnecessary chemicals are used and the soil is cultivated responsibly.
- Probes measuring water content in the soil allows Delheim to irrigate the requisite amount and this **drip irrigation** uses half the amount of water originally used with the sprinkler system.
- As it takes five litres of water to make one litre of wine, Delheim has introduced a sophisticated **water cleaning and recycling system**. Now all the cellar water is recycled which passes through a newly created natural wetland with indigenous reeds and marginal plants before being pumped into an irrigation dam. The recycled water is now used to irrigate the vines and gardens, through drip irrigation to prevent wastage.
- Delheim is in the process to implement **HACCAP**.



Parasite houses placed in vineyards

Delheim is a great place to visit if you enjoy celebrating life in all its forms.  
It's worth the journey.



Tasting room



Restaurant



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Delheim is a champion of the Biodiversity and Wine Initiative (BWI).

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