



# THE BEST OF SOUTH AFRICA

A Luxury Wine and Food Safari to the Cape Winelands

**NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

— Hosted by Cathy van Zyl, MW & James Cluer MW —

**US \$3,495** *per person*

Some say that the winelands in South Africa are the most beautiful of any wine region. But one thing is for sure, the quality and style of the Cape's wines have undergone a dramatic revolution. They win dozens of awards at major international competitions and the country is poised to become the next big thing. It's an exciting time in its long history to experience the wines of South Africa.

## COME AND DISCOVER

**COOL CLIMATE CLASSICS** in the Constantia and Elgin regions with visits to **Cape Point Vineyards**, **Constantia Glen**, a gourmet lunch in the historic vineyards of **Klein Constantia**, and lunch with the Cluver family at **Paul Cluver Wine Estate**.

**BURGUNDIAN SAVOIR-FAIRE** in Walker Bay with a visit to **Bouchard Finlayson** and lunch with the owners of **Hamilton Russell**.

**STELLENBOSCH SPECIALTIES** with visits to **Ken Forrester** and **Kanonkop**, lingering lunch at **Vergelegen**, and decadent dinners at **Lanzerac** and **Cavalli Estate**.

**FRANSCHHOEK FINESSE** with lunch at **De Werf** restaurant on the **Boschendal** estate, Cap Classique bubbles at **Colmant**, and free time to explore this quaint little town.

**FIRST CLASS TREATMENT** at our hotels **Belmond Mount Nelson** (Cape Town), **The Marine Hermanus** (Walker Bay), and **Lanzerac Estate** (Stellenbosch), and a welcome dinner with leading South African winemakers in Cape Town.



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## YOUR HOSTS



### CATHY VAN ZYL, MW

Cathy became the first resident South African Master of Wine in 2005. Previously chair of the Institute of Masters of Wine's education committee, she is now a member of its Council. Cathy judges locally and internationally and is the South African contributor to Le Grand Tasting app by Bettane+Desseauve.

She occasionally contributes to wine journals and websites around the world but spends most of her wine-time as associate editor of Platter's South African Wine Guide.

In 2019, she was named as the Cape Wine Masters' Personality of the Year for her passionate promotion of South African wines at every conceivable opportunity.



### JAMES CLUER MW

James has 26 years of experience in the wine trade and now spends his time running Fine Vintage which operates in 15 countries.

Since 2010, James has personally designed each Fine Vintage tour, paying meticulous attention to the smallest detail, and he hosted all of them for several years. Today, James oversees every tour, directing the itineraries and ensuring the quality standards are at the highest level on every single trip.

## PRICE

### US \$3,495 (INCLUDING TAX)

The price includes 5 nights' accommodation at three luxury hotels, all meals included in the itinerary, superb wines at all meals, all estate visits and tastings, and local transport during the tour dates. Flights and travel arrangements to Cape Town, items of a personal nature, and travel insurance are not included. We recommend that you contact your travel agent to arrange travel insurance.

There is a US\$800 supplement for single travelers for a single occupancy hotel room.

Deposit at booking: \$500

120 days from start: \$2,000

90 days from start: Remaining deposit (plus single supplement if applicable)



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## ITINERARY | DAY 1

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**5.00 PM**

Your South Africa Wine Safari begins with a reception at the Belmond Mount Nelson; your hotel for the first two nights. Cathy will greet you with an introduction to the wines of South Africa, accompanied by canapés and a variety of different wine styles. The reception will finish around 7.00 and the rest of the evening is free to explore Cape Town and rest from jet lag. Your accommodation at the Belmond Mount Nelson is included for this night.

**Meet at:**

**The Belmond Mount Nelson**

76 Orange Street, Cape Town 8001

Tel: +27-21-483-1000

[www.mountnelson.co.za](http://www.mountnelson.co.za)

The Belmond Mount Nelson is our hotel for the first 2 nights. Located at the foot of Table Mountain, it is approximately 30 minutes by taxi from the airport and 15 minutes by taxi from the popular shopping and restaurant precinct, the V & A Waterfront.

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## ITINERARY | DAY 2

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### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> - CONSTANTIA

10:00 am – Depart hotel

#### CAPE POINT VINEYARDS

With breath-taking views of the South Atlantic, Cape Point Vineyards sits on steep, seaward-facing slopes. Cooled by the ocean breeze, the winery focuses its attention on premium white wines. [www.cpv.co.za](http://www.cpv.co.za)

#### KLEIN CONSTANTIA

A historic and beautiful property that dates to 1685 and in 1982 revived the legendary Vin de Constance – one of the 18th and 19th centuries' most coveted wines. A great taste of history that will include a gourmet picnic lunch in the vineyards. [www.kleinconstantia.co.za](http://www.kleinconstantia.co.za)

#### CONSTANTIA GLEN

Part of the original Simon van der Stel Constantia farm dating to the 17th century, the Waibel family converted this property into vineyards in 2000. Their wines, primarily based on Bordeaux classics of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon are among the best in Constantia. Resting just below the Constantia Nek, we will enjoy a tasting of these excellent wines while enjoying the stunning view of the valley below. [www.constantiaglen.com](http://www.constantiaglen.com)

#### 7:30 pm – Winemakers' Dinner at The Mount Nelson

After a full day of tasting, we will return to the Mount Nelson for a 3-course dinner in the Lord Nelson Dining Room. Joining us that evening will be a small group of leading South African winemakers who will present their wines as paired with our dinner.



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## ITINERARY | DAY 3

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> – ELGIN AND WALKER BAY**

**10:00 am – Check-out and depart hotel**

### **PAUL CLUVER ESTATE**

Tucked in the hills of the UNESCO-protected Kogelberg Biosphere, Paul Cluver Estate is among the very best wineries in the country and endeavors to protect this very rare and unique environment. Hosted by Paul Cluver Junior, lunch at this 120-year old estate will be an absolute treat. [www.cluver.com](http://www.cluver.com)

### **BOUCHARD FINLAYSON**

Nestled in the Hemel- en-Aarde hills (Afrikaans for “Heaven and Earth”), the owners will greet us with a tasting of their spectacular chardonnays and pinot noirs – specialties of the Walker Bay district. [www.bouchardfinlayson.co.za](http://www.bouchardfinlayson.co.za)

### **THE MARINE HERMANUS**

This is 5-star Relais & Chateaux with stunning vistas of the Southern Ocean is our hotel for the night. This a free evening to relax at the Spa, go and explore the little town, or dine at one of the hotel’s restaurants. [www.collectionmcgrath.com](http://www.collectionmcgrath.com)



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## ITINERARY | DAY 4

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> - HEMEL-EN-AARDE AND STELLENBOSCH**

**11:00 am – Check-out and depart hotel**

### **HAMILTON RUSSELL VINEYARDS**

The wines of Hamilton Russell are among the most coveted in South Africa, having earned multiple international honours including placements in the Wine Spectator Top 100. After our tasting, we will enjoy lunch with owners Anthony and Olive. [www.hamiltonrussellvineyards.com](http://www.hamiltonrussellvineyards.com)

### **KEN FORRESTER**

Ken Forrester is one of South Africa's leading proponents and producers of the country's signature white grape, chenin blanc. We take a walk through his vineyards and see some of the organic methods he uses to produce his wines, followed by a tasting. [www.kenforresterwines.com](http://www.kenforresterwines.com)

### **LANZERAC**

The Lanzerac Estate is a luxury hotel in Stellenbosch. It is set among the vineyards but boasts all the amenities of a first class hotel. This is our home for the next two nights, and tonight we will enjoy a 3-course dinner in their fine dining room, Governor's Hall. [www.lanzerac.co.za](http://www.lanzerac.co.za)



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## ITINERARY | DAY 5

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### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - FRANSCHHOEK

9:30 am – Depart hotel

#### KANONKOP

The King of Pinotage. We will sample pinotage at various quality levels, culminating with the Black Label; one of South Africa's most expensive wines. [www.kanonkop.co.za](http://www.kanonkop.co.za)

#### DE WERF AT BOSCHENDAL ESTATE

The De Werf restaurant is located on the Boschendal wine estate. Founded by French Huguenots in 1685, the Reserve wines of Boschendal and recent focus on traditional method sparkling wines are among the most highly rated in South Africa. We will enjoy a farm-to-table lunch paired with these extraordinary wines. [www.boschendal.com](http://www.boschendal.com)

#### COLMANT

A visit to South Africa would not be complete without the chance to experience Cap Classique – South Africa's answer to Champagne! Located just outside Franschhoek, Colmant is one of the few South African wineries that devotes their entire production to Cap Classique. Their wines are among the very best bubbles in South Africa, and a great way to toast to a beautiful day in Franschhoek. [www.colmant.co.za](http://www.colmant.co.za)

#### FRANSCHHOEK TOWN VISIT

Following our visit to Colmant we will drive through the stunning Helmshoogte Pass for a free afternoon in the French enclave town of Franschhoek.

#### EQUUS AT CAVALLI ESTATE

Located just south of Stellenbosch, Cavalli Estate is a coveted destination in the Cape Winelands. Located in the shadows of the stunning Stellenbosch Mountains this is one of the most scenic destinations you could find. Our dinner here will be at the award-winning Equus Restaurant, one of the Cape's most sought after tables. Our dinner will be paired with the wonderful wines of the Cavalli Estate. This will possibly be our best meal of the tour. [www.cavalliestate.com](http://www.cavalliestate.com)



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## ITINERARY | DAY 6

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### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> – STELLENBOSCH

#### 9.00 am

Prior to checking out of the hotel, our hosts at Lanzerac will offer a morning tour of their winery facilities followed by a flight of their iconic wines. This is a great opportunity to explore more of your Stellenbosch home these past two days, but you are welcome to sleep in before checking out.

#### 10:15 am – Check-out and depart hotel

### VERGELEGEN

During our final tour and tasting at this Wine Spectator Top 100-rated estate, we will also learn about the measures taken by Vergelegen to preserve the local environment – 2,800 hectares are devoted to preserving the Western Cape’s distinct flora and fauna. Our final meal together will be an elegant 5-course lunch at Vergelegen’s luxurious restaurant, Camphor’s. [www.vergelegen.co.za](http://www.vergelegen.co.za)

#### 5: 30 PM – RETURN TO CAPE TOWN

Drop-off back at the Mount Nelson hotel.

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**Price: \$3,495 US including tax per person based on double occupancy.**

**There is a \$800 US per person single supplement.**

**Space is limited to 20.**

It will be a great trip with lots of fine wine, great food, amazing estates, first-class accommodation, cultural education, and many laughs with 20 like-minded wine enthusiasts. If you are interested in this tour, please contact David, your personal travel concierge, at [david@FineVintageLtd.com](mailto:david@FineVintageLtd.com).

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