

the Cape winelands



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Positioned at the southwestern tip of the African continent, which spans the equator and both the tropics - the Cape Winelands enjoy Mediterranean climatic conditions with mostly winter rainfall and dry summers.

welcome to our world of fine wine



artezin

Colomé

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Peter LEHMANN
of the Barossa

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Hess Family Estates - renowned for its prestigious New World Wineries in California, South Africa, Argentina and Australia - invites you to explore our Glen Carlou Winery in the heart of Paarl Valley, one of the most sought-after wine regions in South Africa.

winemaking in South Africa



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The South African wine industry boasts a proud heritage dating back to 1659, when the first grapes were crushed. Today its premium quality wines are in demand the world over.

a unique terroir



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Glen Carlou is situated on the northern foothills of the Simonsberg Mountain in the Paarl Wine Region. The Mediterranean climate combined with an exciting variety of slopes and the riches of our soils, creates unique winegrowing conditions.

a custom designed cellar



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Time-honoured winemaking methods combined with state of the art technology result in wines that reflect the intensely fruity flavours distinctive to our region, whilst retaining a unique and individual style.

a dynamic team



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A highly motivated team contributes to the success of Glen Carlou. In merging their spirit of freethinking and enterprise with a mutual pursuit of excellence, they shape the distinctive personality of the wines.

donald m. hess- chairman & founder,
hess family estates



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"Over the past few decades I've had the privilege and pleasure of marrying my passion for New World winemaking with my love affair with contemporary art. In my mind, these two disciplines are inextricably linked, reflecting both the complexity and beauty of modern-day living."

johan erasmus - general manager



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"I am thrilled to manage a company with Glen Carlou's reputation and stature in the market, both locally and internationally. It's a privilege being part of the family and I look forward to growing the Glen Carlou brand."

arco laarman - winemaker
bertus van zyl - assistant winemaker



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"At Glen Carlou, each vintage and each variety presents its own excitement and challenge. In the cellar we go to great lengths to capture the varietal character in the wine. To me winemaking is not only a career, it's a lifestyle". Arco

"As a young winemaker I find the opportunity of being a member of one of the country's top cellar teams highly exciting and challenging." Bertus

marius cloete - viticulturist
efraim lamprechts - cellar foreman



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"The individual requirements of each variety are taken into account - from trellising and pruning to our irrigation regimen via an advanced satellite weather system." Marius

"A dedicated cellar team, some of whom have been with us for two decades, ensure that our cellar runs smoothly and professionally, from the wine press through to the bottling lines." Ephraim

Glen Carlou wines



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In harmony with nature - Arco Laarman and his team join forces with nature to create three distinctive wine ranges, each backed by a reputation for exceptional quality.

Glen Carlou prestige range



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An ultra premium range, showcasing Glen Carlou's unique conditions and the painstaking care that accompanies each step of the winemaking process.

Glen Carlou Quartz Stone Rich, single vineyard Chardonnay

Glen Carlou Gravel Quarry Dark, concentrated and intense Cabernet Sauvignon

Glen Carlou "The Welder" Natural Sweet Chenin Blanc Late picked, sunripened Chenin Blanc

Glen Carlou classic range



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This highly acclaimed range confirms Glen Carlou's worldwide reputation for handcrafted wines, reflecting the distinctive terroir.

Glen Carlou Sauvignon Blanc, Glen Carlou Chardonnay, Glen Carlou Pinot Noir, Glen Carlou Syrah, Glen Carlou Cabernet Sauvignon, Glen Carlou Grand Classique

Glen Carlou contemporary range



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This range derives its name from one of Glen Carlou's most distinctive landmarks: a rocky hill in the shape of a giant tortoise. Created to add quality and enjoyment to contemporary living, these vibrantly fruity wines are backed by the Glen Carlou promise of consistent quality. Available in Tortoise Hill White and Tortoise Hill red.

world-wide recognition



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An ever-growing list of awards and top ratings on both local and international level testify to the quality of our wines. These include, among others, John Platter 2006 Wine of the Year and 5 star rating for Syrah, Grand Gold at Mundus Vini International for our Syrah, Gold at the Chardonnay-du-Monde and Double Gold for our Grand Classique at the Veritas Wine Awards.

more than two decades of quality



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Established in 1985, Glen Carlou has become one of South Africa's premier wine producers. Today its wines are sought-after in 40 countries around the globe.

our visitors centre



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An open-plan inner arena offers guests the opportunity to gain insight into the vintner's art. In the well-appointed tasting room, a variety of memorable wines can be savoured.

where art is a lifestyle



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Our quest of marrying the ancient art of winemaking with the aesthetics of contemporary, visual art, has found expression in yet another exciting dimension of our estate; a unique art museum where priceless art from the internationally renowned Hess Collection is exhibited.

zen fynbos garden



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A magnificent array of endemic indigenous fynbos flourishes between ancient rocks and giant boulders, creating an ambience of gentle tranquility.

conference and function facilities



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Set in the scenic surroundings of Glen Carlou, the versatile conference and function facilities cater for various functions and events from 12 up to 100 guests.

the restaurant



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The Glen Carlou Restaurant offers a tempting selection of cuisine, with both ethnic and international flavours, that can be enjoyed under the high wooden beams of the tasting arena or outside on the terrace, offering a panoramic view of the vineyards and mountains.