



Wines of
**South
Africa**

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South Africa ranks as **7th** in the overall volume production of wine and produces **4%** of the world's wine (**2020**)

KEY TO WINE OF ORIGIN DISTRICTS AND REGIONS

- OLIFANTS RIVER**
- CITRUSDAL MOUNTAIN
 - CITRUSDAL VALLEY
 - LUTZVILLE VALLEY

- COASTAL REGION**
- CAPE TOWN
 - DARLING
 - FRANSCHHOEK VALLEY
 - PAARL
 - STELLENBOSCH
 - SWARTLAND
 - TULBAGH
 - WELLINGTON

- BREEDE RIVER VALLEY**
- BREEDEKLOOF
 - ROBERTSON
 - WORCESTER

- CAPE SOUTH COAST**
- CAPE AGULHAS
 - ELGIN
 - OVERBERG
 - PLETTENBERG BAY
 - SWELLENDEAM
 - WALKER BAY

- KLEIN KAROO**
- CALITZDORP
 - LANGEBERG-GARCIA

- NORTHERN CAPE**
(Geographical unit)
- SUTHERLAND-KAROO
 - Central Orange River (Ward)

- NO REGION**
- CERES PLATEAU



*The Wine Regions of
South Africa*

Wines of South Africa 2013
Cartography by Chris Berens
Ackn: Elevation data from NASA SRTM 2004
Rail data from CD Surveys & Mapping
Rivers & lakes from DEA SANBI NSR2004
Depth contours from ETOPO2 v2 2006



Wine of Origin Districts



Wines of Origin

Regions, Districts, Wards, Estates and Single Vineyards



The most Chenin Blanc plantings in the world

WHITES VS. REDS: A QUICK COMPARISON

OVERALL

WHITE GRAPES	55.1%	RED GRAPES	44.9%
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BY VARIETY

CHENIN BLANC	18.6%	CABERNET SAUVIGNON	10.8%
COLOMBARD	11.1%	SHIRAZ	10.0%
SAUVIGNON BLANC	10.9%	PINOTAGE	7.3%
CHARDONNAY	7.2%	MERLOT	5.9%

First mentioned: *Eight Ordinary General Meeting: Wine Growing in British Colonies. Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, Vol. 19*, Hubert Castella, 1887

SAUVIGNON BLANC IN SOUTH AFRICA: HISTORY

9,878 ha planted

Important Growing Areas:

Stellenbosch: 1,580 ha
 Cape Town: 957 ha
 Durbanville: 541 ha
 Constantia: 184 ha
 Darling: 604 ha
 Cape South Coast: 777ha
 Walker Bay: 260 ha
 Elgin: 276 ha
 Cape Agulhas: 118 ha

“At the Cape it also produces an excellent wine, but is grown very little...In sandy soils, broke soils, and decomposed granite soils it does well.” – Prof. Abraham Perold, *A Treatise on Viticulture*, 1927

“Very sparsely cultivated in South Africa, Sauvignon Blanc shows high potential for excellent quality wines...” – C.J. Orffer, *Grape Cultivars in South Africa*, 1979



Rosa Kruger

35+ YEARS OLD

#1) 2074 HA CHENIN
BLANC

#2) 429 HA SAUVIGNON
BLANC

#3) 377 HA COLOMBARD

#11) 40 HA CHARDONNAY

Sauvignon Blanc I



Spier
Sauvignon Blanc 2021
Western Cape

Klein Constantia
'Clara'
Sauvignon Blanc 2017
Constantia



Sauvignon Blanc II

HPF 'Kaalvoet Moesie'
Sauvignon Blanc 2020
Sondagskloof



Strandveld
'Pofadderbos'
Sauvignon Blanc 2020
Elim

SOUTH AFRICAN CHARDONNAY

6,549 HA planted today

In 1970s there were less than 6,000 vines planted, mostly virused

Smuggled cuttings led to the Klopper Commission in 1986

Associated with the estate producers that grew during the 1980s & 90s

Important growing areas:

Robertson: 1,650 ha

Stellenbosch: 955 ha

Elgin: 130 ha

Hemel-en-Aarde: 97 ha

(Elandskloof: 23 ha)

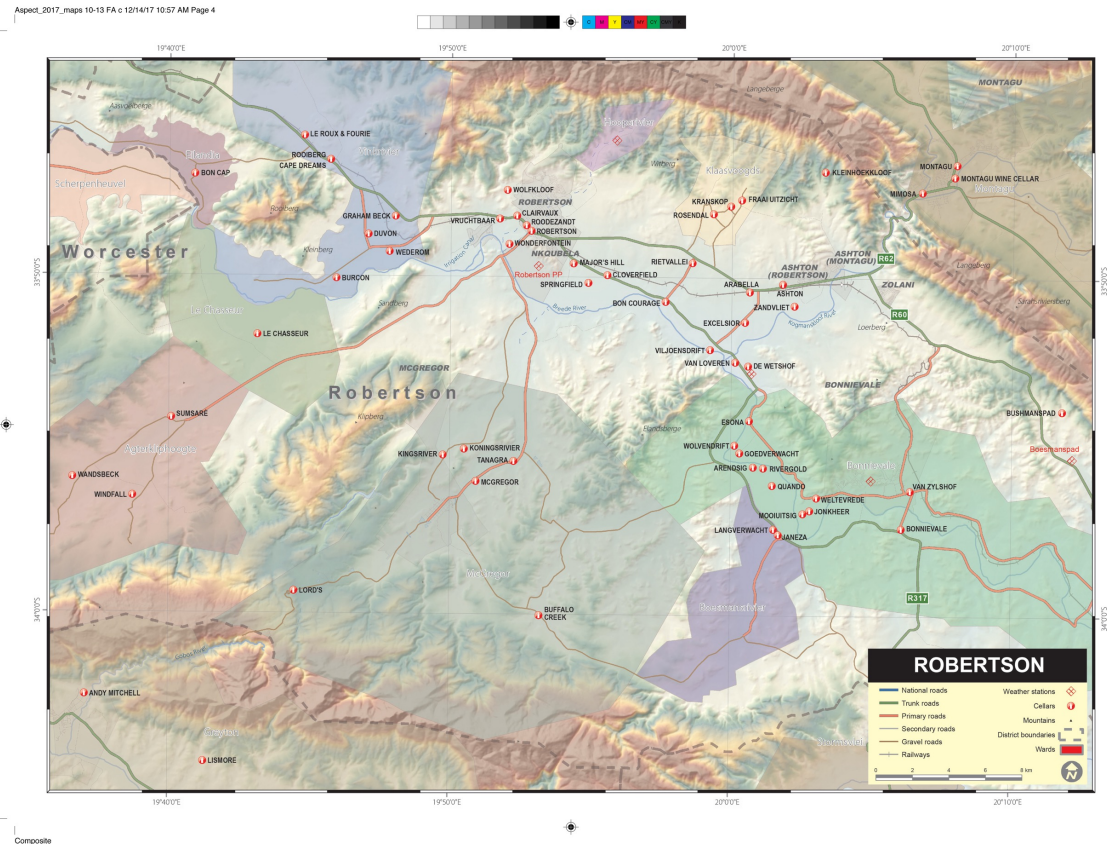
COLOMBAR(D)

2.5% of plantings in 1976; grew in 1980s and 90s, largely for brandy and white blends

9,997 Hectares planted, klargel in Breede River Valley (almost ½), Olifantsrivier, and Northern Cape

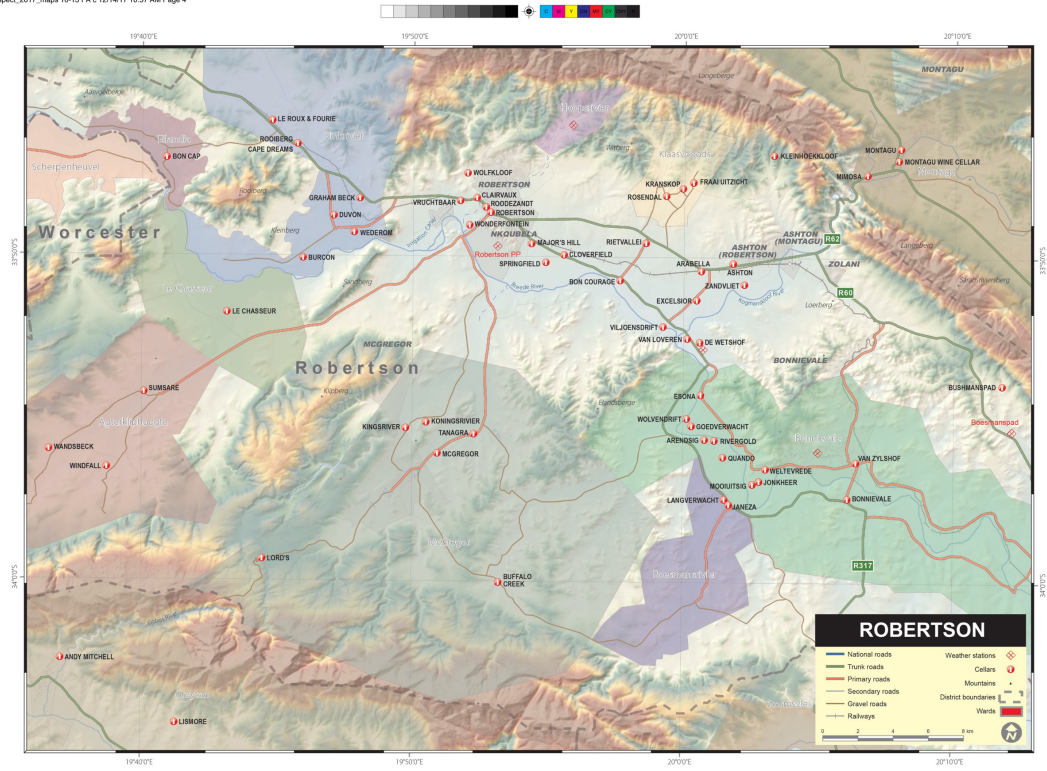
Much of it still used for brandy, but shows potential for still wines and...Methode Cap Classique?

MONT BLOIS
'KELLER'
COLOMBARD 2020
ROBERTSON



Chardonnay I

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Composite



De Wetshof
'Bon Vallon'
Chardonnay 2021
Robertson

Chardonnay II

Lismore
Chardonnay 2020
Cape South Coast

Storm 'Ridge'
Chardonnay 2021
Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge

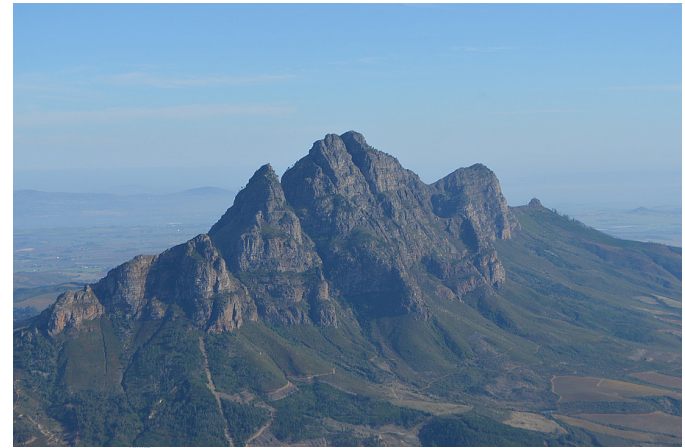


Boschendal 'Appellation Series'
Chardonnay 2019
Elgin



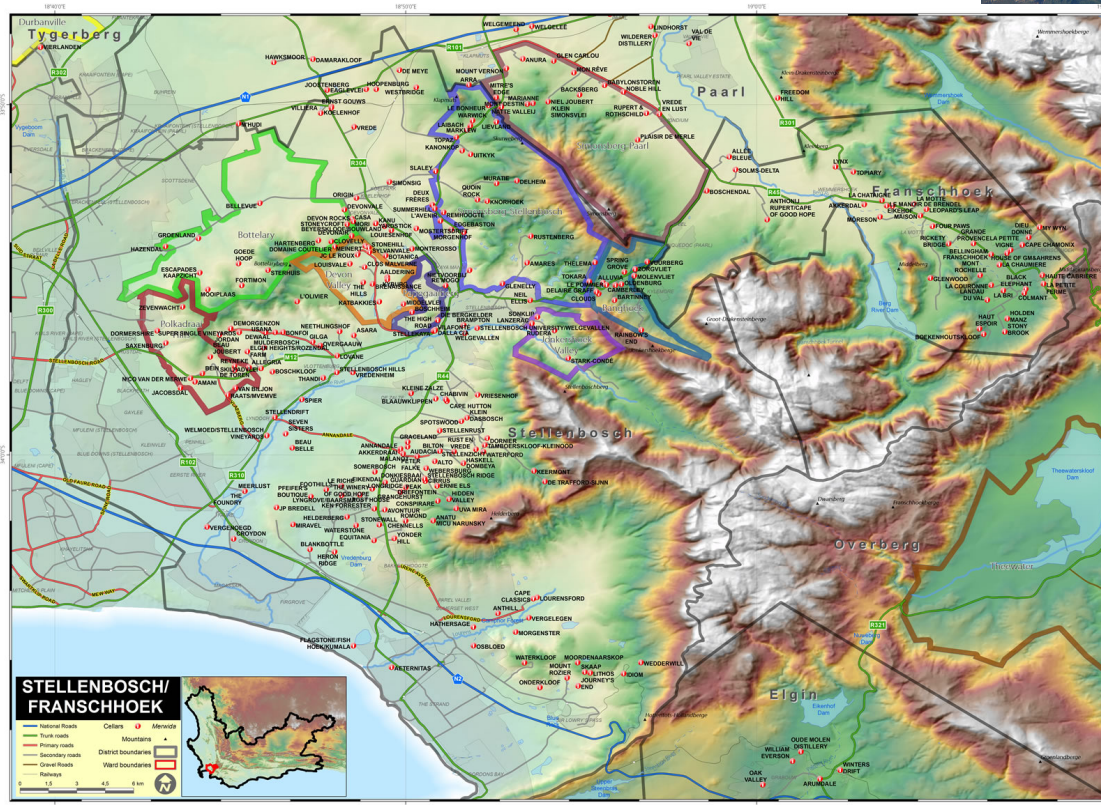
Chardonnay III

Warwick 'The White Lady'
Chardonnay 2020
Stellenbosch



Topiary
Chardonnay 2020
Franschhoek

Rustenberg
Chardonnay 2021
Stellenbosch





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