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Spier

Spier Wine Farm

Our story

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Good wines need strong roots.

Based in Stellenbosch, Spier is one of the oldest wine farms in South Africa – over 330 years old.

Always family-owned, the Enthoven family acquired the farm in 1993 and are actively involved every day and our approach is fuelled by vibrant, challenging thinking.

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While wine is our focus, we are driven to offer good food and an inviting, wholesome destination with an exciting showcase of South African art.





Life feels good here

A founding member of the Stellenbosch Wine Route

Spier Wine Farm is one of the most visited destinations in the Cape with a range of offerings:

- Wine tasting and vineyard tours
- Various dining experiences and activities
- A village-style hotel of 80 rooms
- Art exhibitions and riverwalks

Voted 

2022 Best Wine Farm experience

2021 World's Best Vineyards #68

2023 Worlds Top 30 most 'instagrammed' wineries

Grown in good soil

A focus on soil fertility

Our land is holistically farmed to create a diversified, balanced ecosystem with minimal impact on the environment.

Spier's vineyards and pastures are farmed following traditional closed loop principles.





Good winemaking starts with the land

Selective Sourcing

Championed by Cellar Master Johan Jordaan and his team of winemakers and viticulturists.

3 own farms (Spier farm, Helderberg and Nooitgedacht) currently averaging 161 ha on vineyards, of which 100 ha is farmed organically. Our goal is to reach 8-10% of total production.

Long term contracts with 24 specialist grape growers, on selected sites, averaging 500 hectares.

Awarded



Platter's by Diners' Club Wine Guide Editors Award Winery of the Year

2 x IWSC South African Wine Producer of the year 2011 & 2018

2 x Veritas Vertex Awards 2017 & 2021

2 x Trophy Wine Show Most Successful Producer 2011 & 2022

People are our heart & soul

Winner of the *Ethical Award* at Drinks Business Green Awards 2022



We aim to positively impact everyone who lives here, works here and does business here with us - or close to us.

We know that our community and team of about 400 people are powerful agents for change. An ethical and transparent supply chain impacts the quality, reputation and sustainability of our business and it supports the preservation of local ecosystems and communities, ensuring the long-term viability of the South African wine industry.



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Beyond our farm

Spier buys grapes and wine from many growers and third-party suppliers.

In 2017, we introduced a system to leverage our buying position to improve farm worker lives and work with suppliers who:

- Share our values and are committed to continuous improvement
- Are compliant with WIETA, SA labour and occupational health & safety legislations but more importantly with Spier's Code of Conduct
- Embrace our tailor-made support programs to ensure a broader impact and reach in partner farming communities



WINE GROWING AREAS OF THE CAPE



Key:

- Mountains
- Rivers
- High ground
- Provincial Border



Growing for Good

Making our work meaningful

Ranging from art and entrepreneurship to regenerative farming and ecological restoration, these projects and partnerships are creating a ripple effect of lasting and meaningful impact.



Growing for Good



Treepreneurs

People from some of the Cape's poorest areas are taught to grow trees from seed; these can then be exchanged for vouchers to buy food and essentials.



It's sorted

98% of our solid waste is recycled, 100% of our waste-water is recycled and 100% of organic matter is recycled and used on our farm



Spier Nursery

Established to propagate and grow indigenous trees and plants that are specific to the region to re-introduce these onto the farm.



Food Garden

Transformed a piece of land to grow delicious and nutrient-rich produce using eco-friendly and regenerative techniques



Living Soils Community Learning Farm

A learning and demonstration farm to produce nutritious food using eco-friendly regenerative farming methods while empowering a new generation of farmers.

Growing for Good



Youth Development

As a serious challenge in South Africa, Spier supports youth employment initiatives like Harambee, Pinotage Youth Development Academy and Yes For Youth



Early Learning Development

Supporting our valleys children through Vlottenburg Primary, Community Keepers and the Living Arts Foundation



Enterprise Development

Spier helps entrepreneurs — many of the former employees — to launch and successfully run small, local, BEE businesses that provides goods and/or services to Spier.



Ethical Supply Chain

We are committed to ensuring the ethical treatment of workers throughout our supply chain. This is achieved through monitoring our suppliers' compliance with the Spier Supplier Ethical Code of Conduct.

Growing for Good



Experiential art

Spier believes in the power of the visual arts to teach and inspire, encouraging us all to engage openly with our world and each other.



Creative Block

An arts project that invites established and emerging artists to submit small works for resale – offering artists an important revenue stream.



Eagle Encounters

Raptor rehabilitation center working in harmony with our organic farming ecosystem



Pack for Purpose

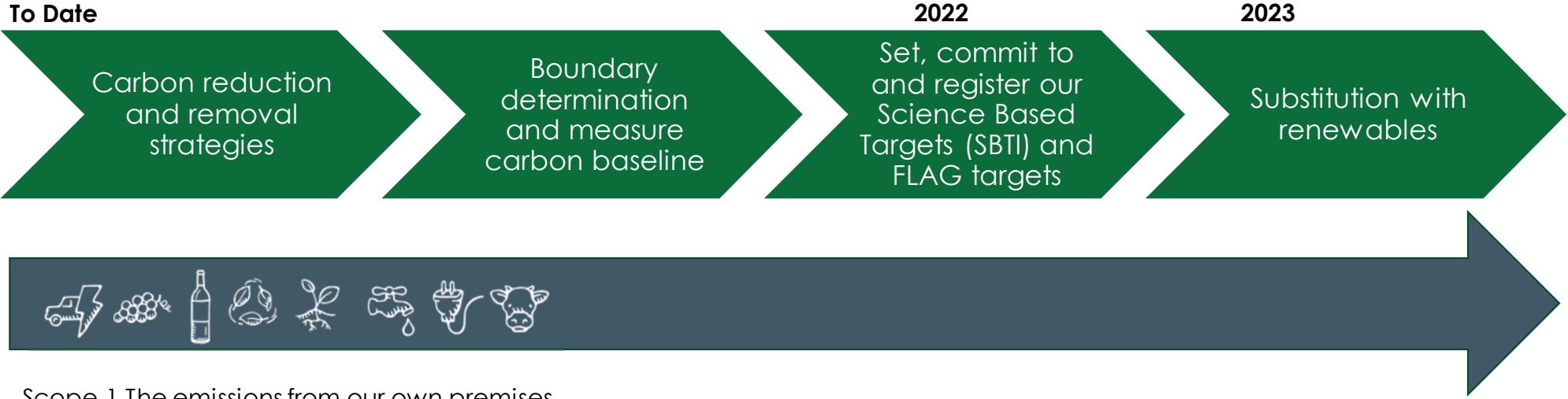
Invites hotel guests to fill spare space in luggage with much-needed items for disadvantaged young students.



Agents of Change

Encouraging employees to create positive and meaningful impact

Getting to net zero-aligned carbon emission by 2030



- Scope 1 The emissions from our own premises
- Scope 2 The electricity we use in our own operations
- Scope 3 The activities in our supply chain – transport, packaging



Energy

Energy is $\pm 80\%$ of our carbon emissions

Since 2014 have used the CCC Confronting Climate Change carbon calculator to measure the carbon footprint of our direct wine operations and identify ways to reduce our footprint.

Our transition to solar is a key focus in reduction of carbon emissions.

Behavioural policies, engineered efficiency solutions (water and energy-saving devices) and production are also helping us to meet our usage goals

We will be conducting a carbon readiness assessment on grape, bulk and packaging suppliers to bring them on this journey



- 116 tons of CO₂e reduced in 2022
- 4% of our energy is generated by solar in the cellar, 10% on the farm
- 57% of our export wine is bottled in market



Water



We recycle 100% of our water

- Spier uses 1.99 L of water to make 1L wine
- More than 400 water-saving devices on showers, basins and toilets in our 80-room hotel, meeting rooms, restaurants and other public spaces.
- All vineyards on Spier watered with drip irrigation.
- Continuous logging irrigation probes monitor soil moisture and provide data on how much water each vineyard and pasture needs, allowing us to optimise our irrigation management and prevent wastage.

Biodiversity & Soil



A focus on regeneration and fertility



Currently analysing 2 soil years to measure improvements Spier & Nooitgedacht farms carbon content by

- High-density grazing
- Nutrient rich organic composting
- Avoiding using harmful chemical fertilisers or pesticides
- Planting of more nitrogen binding cover crops, to reduce dependency of external sources of nitrogen.
- Introduction of livestock on Nooitgedacht and Spier during the winter to graze and fertilize vineyards up to budding stage

We actively promote a biodiverse environment by:

- Reconstructing our Renosterveld - which includes the endangered Swartland Granite Renosterveld
- Re-establishing our natural wetlands and riparian buffer zones
- Eliminating all invasive alien plants
- Clearing river corridors
- Planting over 102 957 different trees, shrubs and fynbos on the Farm since 2012 (propagated in our nursery) attracting a wealth of bird and animal life back into the area
- Committing the most biodiverse portions of our land into conservation
- An extensive organic vegetable garden with a broad variety of crops.

We are embarked on a regenerative farming journey with key grape suppliers and aim to expand our scope of regenerative farming



Waste & packaging



- We are trialling a zero waste to landfill method with the inclusion of a waste to energy strategy for our remaining 2% solid waste waste-to-energy.
- May 2021-22, our recycling and recovery efforts resulted in 62 301kg less CO2 equivalent in the atmosphere.
- Redirected used bottles from our farm operations to a wash-and-reuse business, saving 48000kg of waste annually

Innovative packaging analysis to identify sustainable and environmentally-friendly packaging. In 2022 we:

- Switched five products to lighter-weight alternative bottles, saving +- 23 000 kg in bottle weight per annum
- Switched to glue on cartons and in so doing reduced our use of plastic sellotape by 19600 kg per annum
- Started recycling label backing paper with Re-A-Liner, saving +-10 000kg of paper waste per annum

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from good people
grown in good soil.

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