

PETER FALKE WINERY

A TASTING ROOM WITH A VIEW



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The tasting room at Peter Falke Winery is a deceptive charmer... on the outside a traditional gabled Cape Dutch building, but on the inside an ultra modern space with a slick bar with punchy silver and red accents. The front entrance is flanked on either side by 2 large, red, contemporary corkscrew artworks – giving visitors a clue as to the juxtaposed character of this boutique winery. Here, olde worlde charm happily fuses with touches of modern flair and what results is a uniquely stylish place to spend an afternoon.

German-French couple Peter Falke and Danièle Görtz own the winery. The Falke brand is synonymous with quality sportswear around the world and not only lends its name to the winery, but ensures those same levels of passion and precision go into each bottle of wine produced.

The farm is the family's home in South Africa and falls into an area of terroir that is perfect for winemaking. While this was not the first reason for buying the farm, it has become the natural progression.



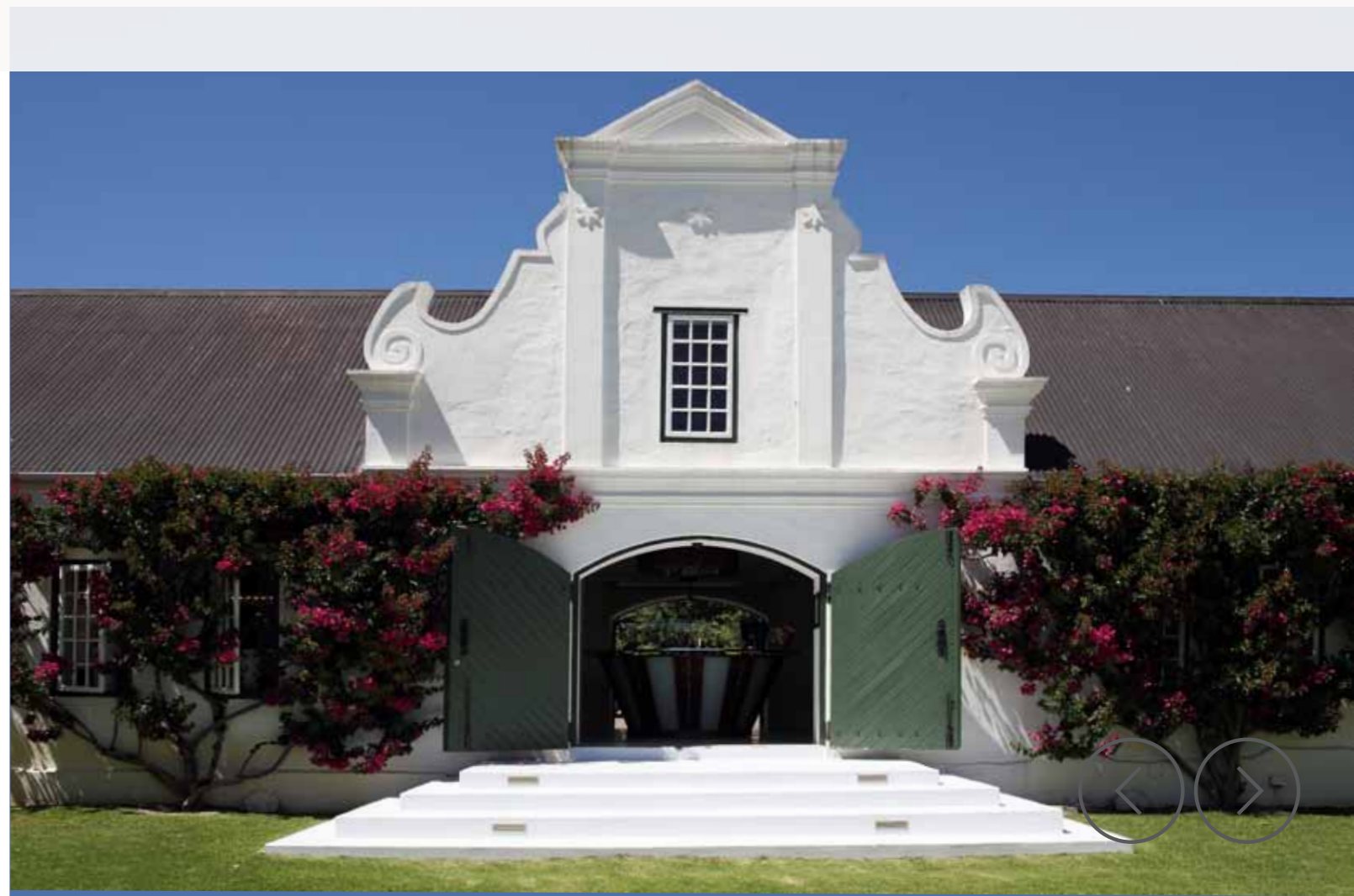


The couple bought the farm in 1995 after falling in love with the buildings and unmatched view over the valley. From there, Danièle, an internationally renowned interior designer, has used sensory elements to transform the space, creating a luxurious and sophisticated ambiance. Pieces of art, furnishings and floral elements give pops of the colour red around the farm and elements of Euro-chic décor give a modern finish. Overall the feeling is refined and fresh, but manages to steer away from pretence.

Visitors can be seated in the garden directly outside the tasting room; comfy couches sit under large umbrellas and

there is cool shade from surrounding trees. This vantage point overlooks a vast lawn dotted with more tasting tables and bright beanbags – great for sinking into and possibly not getting out of for the rest of the afternoon.

On either side are rows of vines, and if you are lucky enough, you can book a table in amongst the vines, for a truly unique tasting experience. In summer you may even happen upon a free jazz concert, which are held every so often. The whole farm is framed by the Helderberg Mountain range in the distance and the view collectively is really quite spectacular.





At Peter Falke, it is about quality and not quantity. Each vintage yields small outputs that are lovingly crafted by winemaker Werner Schrenk along with consulting winemaker Louis Nel. 2 ranges of wines are produced, The Signature Range – ultra premium wines for the discerning palate and the PF Range – wines that are more relaxed and sociable.

The signature range includes the 'Exclusive Blend' red and a Syrah and the PR range a Cabernet Sauvignon, Ruby Blend, Pinot Noir, Blanc de Noirs and a Sauvignon Blanc. At the recent 2014 Michelangelo International Wine &

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Spirit Awards the winemaking team picked up 3 prestigious awards -The Peter Falke Signature Syrah 2012 and PF Ruby Blend 2012 were both awarded a gold medal. The newly released PF Sauvignon Blanc 2014 received a shining silver medal.

All six wines can be sampled and bought at the winery and can be accompanied by a delicious platter of locally sourced cheeses or a summer salad. Create your own cheese platter with a choices including Gorgonzola, fresh Asiago, Swiss Chevre, White Rock with Cranberries, Gruyere, Huguenot and sheep Pecorino.





Platters with 3 or more cheeses are served with preserves, assorted charcuterie, fresh bread and seasonal fruits. There are also light salads on offer like Parma Ham and Melon, Caprese with vine tomatoes, Cucumber Salad with Crottin Cheese & Chives, or try the herb infused Red Kidney Bean or Lentil salads with spring onions, balsamic vinegar and olive oil.

The winery is the last to close its doors of any in the area, offering tastings up until 19h00. We suggest that you get there a little early to secure yourself a bean bag, lay back, sip on a chilled glass of Blanc de Noirs and watch the sun splash the sky with pinks and oranges – this will be a sunset to remember!

Open from 11h00-19h00, Tuesday to Sunday. Bookings for groups of 10 or more is essential.

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