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International recognition honours the Estate's commitment to excellence across every facet

18th November 2026, Stellenbosch, South Africa – Delaire Graff Estate – the Jewel of the Cape Winelands – has once again earned a place among the world's finest wine destinations, ranking 43rd in the prestigious World's Best Vineyards 2026 Top 50 list.

This annual ranking celebrates extraordinary vineyard experiences worldwide, recognising those that combine outstanding wines with a compelling sense of hospitality and culture, further affirming the Estate's standing as one of the Southern Hemisphere's most distinguished locations.

Positioned high above the sweeping Helshoogte Mountain Pass, with panoramic views of the Banghoek Valley, Delaire Graff Estate is shaped by the vision of its owner, the legendary diamantaire Laurence Graff OBE. With interiors by the renowned David Collins Studio, the property comprises 16 luxurious lodges, a four-bedroom Owner's Villa, three flagship restaurants, a Wine Lounge, a Spa, and exquisite indigenous gardens. The Estate also serves as an art gallery, with more than 400 works from Laurence Graff's private collection on display.



Jacolien de Villiers, Chief Executive Officer at Delaire Graff Estate, comments: “Being named 43rd among the World’s Best Vineyards is a testament to our team’s passion and expertise. From the vineyards and cellar to our Wine Lounge and restaurants, we are committed to excellence while remaining true to the unique identity of our surroundings. We are proud to share the best of the Cape Winelands with visitors from around the world, and we are delighted to see our dedication recognised internationally once again.”

Deeply rooted in ancient soils, Delaire Graff Estate’s 17 hectares of vineyards benefit from a rare combination of maritime and mountainous terroir. The vineyards are planted with Bordeaux, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon vines, expertly tended by hand. Once harvested, the grapes receive meticulous care, unfolding into elegant wines that capture the intensity of the South African sunshine.

The Estate’s on-site, gravity-fed cellar spans three levels, where only stainless-steel tanks and French oak barrels are used in winemaking. Throughout the vineyards and gardens, environmentally responsible and sustainable practices are embraced, including zero-waste composting and an established wormery. Great care is taken each day to ensure the land is nurtured, protected and replenished.

Respected South African winemaker Morné Vrey works closely with expert viticulturist Kallie Fernhout; together, they ensure every decision in the vineyards is guided by the pursuit of the exceptional. The Estate’s vineyard and winery teams embody Laurence Graff’s uncompromising approach, selecting only the finest grapes to produce wines that continue to earn international acclaim. Morné’s

philosophy is bold yet honest: to preserve the fruit's integrity without over-manipulation. Through authentic winemaking and impeccable attention to detail, he captures the Estate's unique terroir in every bottle.

Earlier this year, Delaire Graff Estate was awarded Three MICHELIN Keys in the MICHELIN Guide's hotel selection, the Guide's highest and most coveted hotel distinction. This honour celebrates hotels that offer an exceptional stay, placing the property among the world's most remarkable destinations and making it the only one in the Cape Winelands to receive this honour.

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