



WHALEHAVEN

A TRIUMPH OF NATURE

HERMANUS

2024 CATALOGUE

BOTTEGA FAMILY WINE GROUP
Hermanus, South Africa



WHALEHAVEN HERITAGE SERIES

ACCESSIBLE, RELIABLE EXCELLENCE

Whalehaven Old Harbour Red

WHALEHAVEN COASTAL SERIES

EXCEPTIONAL FINESSE,
CONSISTENT QUALITY

Whalehaven Unwooded Viognier

Whalehaven Cabernet Franc

Whalehaven Merlot

WHALEHAVEN TERROIR SERIES

A REFLECTION OF THE COOL CLIMATE
HEMEL-EN-AARDE TERROIR

Whalehaven Sandstone Strata Chardonnay

Whalehaven Shale Summit Pinot Noir

WHALEHAVEN RESERVE SERIES

SMALL BATCH, SITE-SPECIFIC WINES
FROM THE HEMEL-EN-AARDE VALLEY

Whalehaven Seascape Chardonnay

Whalehaven Earthscape Pinot Noir



WHALEHAVEN

Whalehaven Wines is the third oldest wine producer in the Hemel-en-Aarde region and is recognised for its exceptional, consistent quality that has seen it cellared by discerning private collectors and served at some of the top restaurants. The age-worthy wines are hand-crafted to celebrate each harvest and to reflect the particular nuances of each varietal.

The winery based near the coastal town of Hermanus, known for sheltering breeding whales, has been wholly owned by the Bottega Family since 2003. Winemaker, Reino Thiert, has been with Bottega Family Wine for nearly

two decades, creating one of the broadest spectrums of wines in the valley.

Whalehaven Winery has a strong reputation for crafting a classic range of wines largely made from French single varietals, particularly a world-class Merlot, as well as a popular Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Franc.

Whalehaven has earned a strong reputation for its highly-awarded French-styled Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, creating wines which evoke the elegance and reserve of fine French Burgundies in South Africa.

These classic Burgundian varietals are icons of the Hermanus region and a long-standing tradition within the Whalehaven portfolio. The Reserve series is focused on small batch production of cool climate terroir-driven wines from the Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley.

Whalehaven celebrates the stretch of pristine Cape South Coast from False Bay to Cape Agulhas, where a number of coastal and offshore conservancy areas offer sanctuary to indigenous fynbos flora and visiting marine life.



WHALEHAVEN HERITAGE SERIES

The Whalehaven Old Harbour range commemorates the Old Hermanus Harbour that has been a landmark in the town since 1855.



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WHALEHAVEN OLD HARBOUR RED

2019 VINTAGE
COASTAL REGION

MERLOT & PINOTAGE

A mouth filling wine with aromas of sweet spices, dark plums and cranberry notes followed by flavours of liquorice and sweet vanilla lingering over a velvety smooth finish.

A wine to enjoy.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Fast moving wine that moves off shelf quickly.
- Affordable taste of the Cape in a Pinotage blend.
- Exceptional quality for the price.



WHALEHAVEN COASTAL SERIES

A classic and elegant range of polished wines largely made from French single varieties that have an established pedigree of awards.



WINEMAKERS SELECTION
Classic Single Cultivar
COASTAL WINES

Pure, precisely delineated
and subtle even in their opulence.

CULTIVARS
Viognier
Cabernet Franc
Merlot



WHALEHAVEN COASTAL COLLECTION

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WHALEHAVEN UNWOODED VIOGNIER

VIOGNIER (100%)

Round, rich and refreshing. Light pale straw in colour with a lime tinge. Perfumed aromas of orange blossoms and dried fig are followed by flavours and textures of green melon, white pear, nectarine and honeysuckle. This unwooded Viognier has a lush, pleasing texture and a long, lingering finish. Serve chilled.

WHALEHAVEN CABERNET FRANC

CABERNET FRANC (100%)

Dark red in colour with complementary aromas of dusty green peppers and sweet vanilla on the nose. Enticing flavours of ripe plums and dark forest floor berries on the palate. A well balanced Cabernet Franc with good fruit, freshness, structure and great ageing potential.

PEDIGREE:

2015 Vintage:

- Michelangelo International Wine Award 2019 - Gold
- Cabernet Franc Challenge 2019 – Gold
- Cabernet Franc Challenge 2020 – Top 6 Winner
- Wine Magazine Minority Report 2020– 90 points

2014 Vintage:

- Michelangelo International Wine Award 2018 – Platinum
- Cabernet Franc Challenge 2020 – Gold
- Cabernet Franc Challenge 2021 – Golds

WHALEHAVEN MERLOT

MERLOT (100%)

A powerful complex Merlot, deep red in colour with aromas of plums, blackcurrants and cedar wood. A multi-layered and ever-changing mid-palate with dark fruits of the forest and red currant flavours. A complex and vibrant wine that will reward cellaring.

PEDIGREE:

2015 Vintage:

- Wine Magazine's Merlot report 2018 – 90 points
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2020 – 94 points

2014 Vintage:

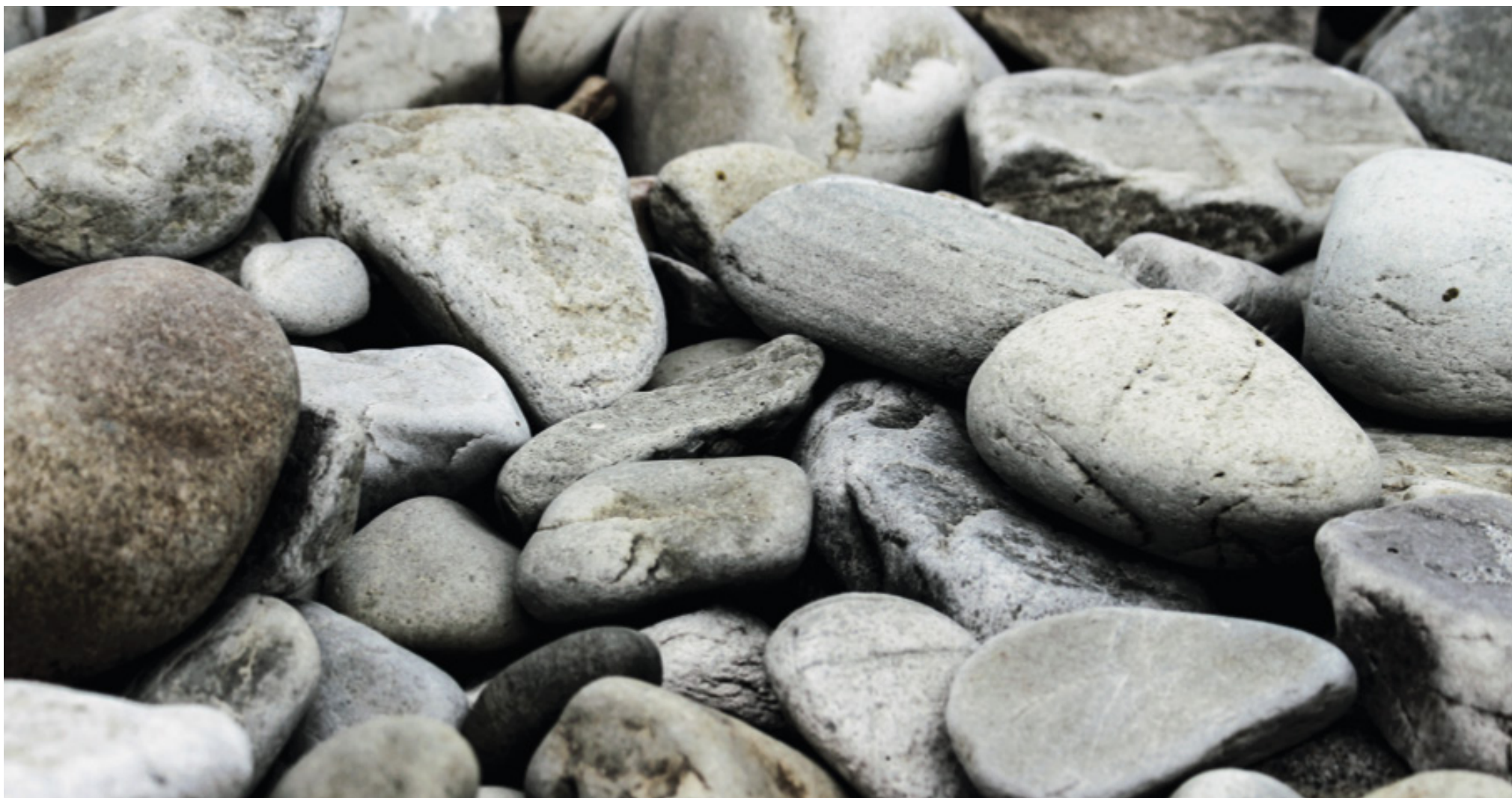
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2020 – 94 points
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2018 – Silver

2007 - 2016 Vintage:

- Top Wine SA Classification – Most successful South African Merlot for consistency

WHALEHAVEN TERROIR SERIES

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and Pinot Noir from the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley.*





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TERROIR: UPPER HEMEL-EN-AARDE VALLEY

WHALEHAVEN MINERAL STONE SAUVIGNON BLANC

SAUVIGNON BLANC (100%)

This small batch of cool-climate Sauvignon Blanc from Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley vineyards combines tropical, saline and mineral notes giving a true sense of place. Intense passionfruit and yellow Cape gooseberry notes are derived from riper grapes exposed to late afternoon sun, while more shady vineyard rows produce berries with flinty aromas and hints of bell peppers.

PEDIGREE:

2023 Vintage:

- Prescient Sauvignon Blanc 2023 - 87 points

2020 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge - Double Gold

TERROIR: UPPER HEMEL-EN-AARDE VALLEY

WHALEHAVEN SANDSTONE STRATA CHARDONNAY

CHARDONNAY (100%)

An exceptional cool-climate Chardonnay with great ageing potential that offers the fresh kiss of a sea breeze on a warm summers night. A complex bouquet of white fragrant flowers and heady top notes of nectarous honeysuckle that develops into flavours of persimmon. The finish is rich and elegant with undulating waves of vanilla.

PEDIGREE:

2023 Vintage:

- IWC 2024 - 95 points | Gold

2020 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International challenge 2023 - 93 points
- IWSC 2023 – 95 points | Gold
- Tim Atkin SA Report 2023 – 91 points.

TERROIR: HEMEL-EN-AARDE RIDGE

WHALEHAVEN SHALE SUMMIT PINOT NOIR

PINOT NOIR (100%)

A light ruby colour with a fragrant array of cherry, white chocolate, and plum aromas. A juicy entry with a fleshy core revealing flavours of raspberry, strawberry, and light spices offset with a clean, vibrant acidity. Medium-bodied, the wine is focussed and layered with toasty oak, a prominent presence of minerals and crushed rock scree, and a cherry pit sweetness. A long finish with hints of light cigar note.

PEDIGREE:

2020 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2023 – 93 Points
- Merit Wine and Spirits Challenge – Gold

WHALEHAVEN RESERVE SERIES

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from the Upper Hemel-en-Aarde valley & the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge,
that are the icons of the Whalehaven range.*





WHALEHAVEN RESERVE SERIES

A limited production, cool climate, terroir-driven range of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the Hemel-en-Aarde valley, that are the icons of the Whalehaven range.

WHALEHAVEN SEASCAPE CHARDONNAY

UPPER HEMEL-EN-AARDE VALLEY

CHARDONNAY (100%)

An exceptional limited production Chardonnay from the cool climate Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley. Light shines through this pale yellow wine with vibrant acidity and a strong backbone of minerality with delicate notes of Granny Smith apple, fresh-cut melon, and green pear.

An energetic tension leaves one with the impression of a future filled with lemon zest and lemon curd. Excellent aging potential.

PEDIGREE:

2023 Vintage:

- IWC 2024 - 96 Points | Trophy

2020 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2023 - 93 Points
- IWSC 2023 - 95 Points | Gold
- Tim Atkin SA Report 2023 - 91 Points

WHALEHAVEN EARTHSCAPE PINOT NOIR

UPPER HEMEL-EN-AARDE VALLEY

PINOT NOIR (100%)

An exceptional, limited production Pinot Noir that whispers to connoisseurs and collectors to explore its complex perfumed character. Haunting floral notes of peonies, cherry blossoms and sweet violets that are followed by waves of bold fruit flavours of cherry and raspberry.

This wine is a ballerina that with each swirl unveils a pirouette of complex floral notes, wild mushrooms and cherry. Every sip is a wonder.

PEDIGREE:

2020 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2023 - 93 Points
- Merit Wine and Spirits Challenge - Gold





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