



WHALEHAVEN

A TRIUMPH OF NATURE

HERMANUS

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2025  
CATALOGUE

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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 Sauvignon Blanc

Whalehaven Unwooded Viognier

Whalehaven Merlot

Whalehaven Pinotage

## WHALEHAVEN TERROIR SERIES

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

Whalehaven Mineral Stone Sauvignon Blanc

Whalehaven Sandstone Strata Chardonnay

Whalehaven Granite Rock 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

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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.





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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 SAUVIGNON BLANC

SAUVIGNON BLANC (100%)

This cooler-climate Sauvignon Blanc from coastal vineyards adds saline and mineral notes to its typically aromatic varietal profile. Inviting green apple, bell peppers and lemongrass aromas are evident on the nose, while delicate flavours of fig, pear and passionfruit develop elegantly on the palate. Serve chilled for maximum enjoyment.



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### WHALEHAVEN PINOTAGE

PINOTAGE (100%)

A uniquely South African wine. Red centre with purple edges. Sweet violets, tobacco, and a hint of fynbos on the nose. Vibrant redcurrant, mulberry and plum notes on the palate, with layers of juicy red fruits and liquorice on the finish. A tightly packed, barbecue-friendly wine accessible enough for drinking now but with enough structure to benefit from a few years of cellaring.

### 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:

2016 Vintage:

- International Cabernet Franc Wine Competition - Best of Show International Division

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

### 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:

2007 - 2016 Vintage:

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

2015 Vintage:

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

2014 Vintage:

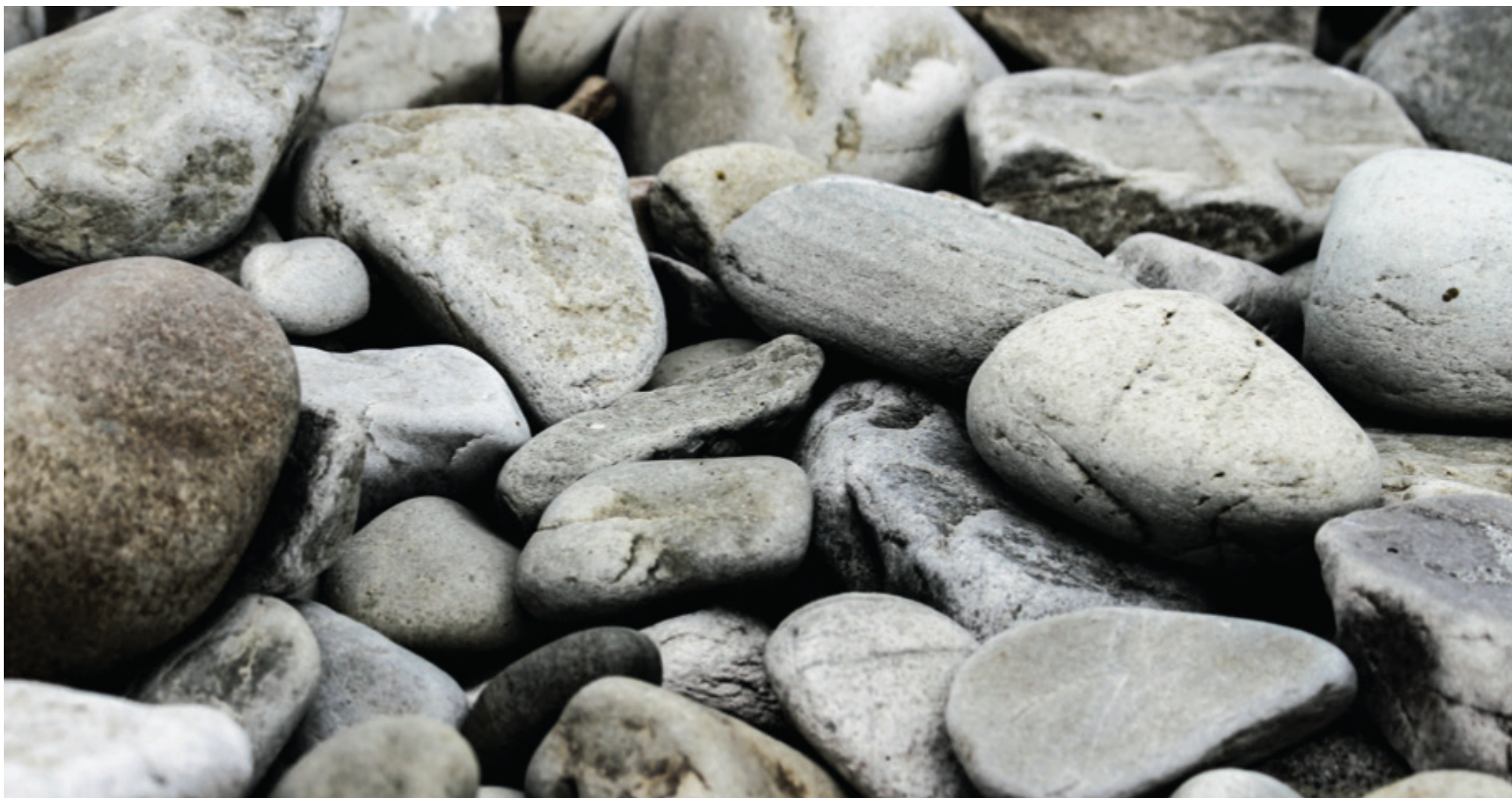
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2020 – 94 points
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2018 – Silver





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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

*\*Sold out.*

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:

- Decanter Panel Tasting 2025 - 95 points
- IWC 2024 - 95 points | Gold
- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge - Double Gold
- Berliner Wein Trophy 2025 - Gold
- Tim Atkin 2024 – 91 points

TERROIR: UPPER HEMEL-EN-AARDE VALLEY

### WHALEHAVEN GRANITE ROCK PINOT NOIR

PINOT NOIR (100%)

From the soil of the Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley is the ultimate expression of a cool-climate, terroir-driven wine. Beautiful and nuanced, balanced in their richness, this iconic pinot noir concertinas into red fruit pastilles, red raspberries and wild strawberries. Dimensions of white pepper and dried fennel on the nose and complexity and intrigue will stand the test of time. Silky tannins leave one with a smooth finish.

#### PEDIGREE:

2020 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2023 – 93 Points

- Merit Wine and Spirits Challenge – Gold

2019 Vintage:

- John Platter 2023 - Good value - 92 Points

## WHALEHAVEN RESERVE SERIES

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









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### 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:

2024 Vintage:

Chardonnay du Monde 2025 - Top 10 Chardonnay in the World

2023 Vintage:

- Decanter Panel Tasting 2025 - 97 Points
- IWC 2024 - 96 Points | Highest scoring SA White Wine & Hemel-en-Aarde Trophy
- National Chardonnay Challenge 2024 – Gold
- Tim Atkin SA Report 2024 – 93 Points

2022 Vintage:

- Trophy Wine Show 2025 - 95 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:

2023 Vintage:

- Tim Atkin Report 2024 - 91 Points

2021 Vintage:

- Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2025 – 92 Points

2020 Vintage:

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







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