

Why you should love Franschhoek & enjoy Franschhoek Wine Farm Guest House



*All opinions in this guide are our own – We not bound to advertise or endorse any product, service or location.

*This guide is purely for our guests' enjoyment of the place that we love the most in this world.

*We do not condone drinking and driving, so please be advised that when we mention wine farms, we expect our guests to approach alcohol consumption in a responsible manner.

History of our property:

Where you are standing now, 20 years ago... was a patch of green grass. The original labourers' cottage on the Northern end of the pond is now where the owners (my parents) stay and opposite the apartment is where my grandmother (mother's parent) stay. With a lot of hard work and a lot of love, we've cultivated a family-run property that we are really proud of!

In our vineyards we grow Viognier variety white wine on the farm (from the same vine as Leopards Leap Wine Farm across from us – the estate seen if you look out of the kitchen window).

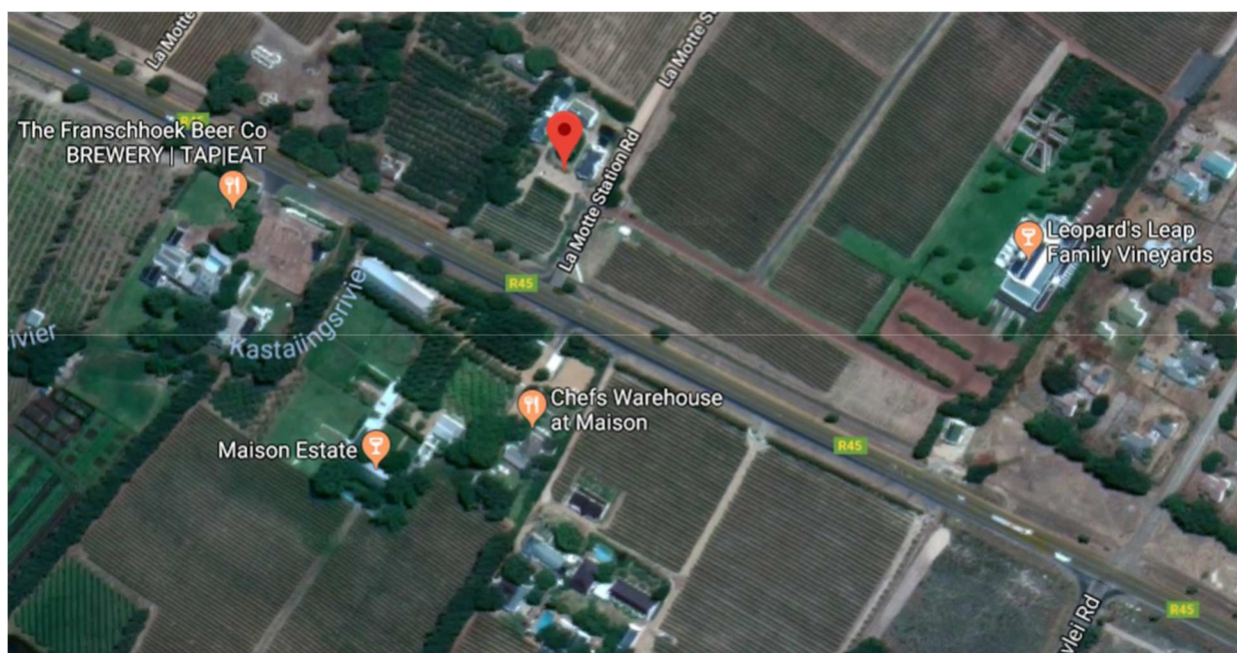
We do not commercially produce wine but sell it to private winemakers who then ferment and bottle their own 'special' blends of wine. The past few years we had the honour to supply to Le Petit Ferme Wine Farm, who used our grapes as part of their Viognier blend.

We also grow a large variety of flowers on the property with our crown jewel of our flowers being the King Proteas at the entrance gate.

Where you are:

La Motte Station Rd, South Africa **Latitude:** -33.885251 | **Longitude:** 19.077613

We are opposite Leopards Leap Family Vineyards, sandwiched between La Motte Wine Farm and Leopards Leap Wine Farm - we call this **our little slice of heaven**.



A local guide to having fun:

Franschhoek is widely considered the wine and culinary capital of South Africa (home of many famous wine farms and restaurants which are internationally acclaimed).

We had the privilege to live in the Franschhoek valley since 2005. Twenty years later, we are still learning about new things to do every weekend. Below is a list of recommendations of favourite places and activities.

Please check beforehand if places are open for business as operating times/hours vary from season to season and from place to place.

***A strong recommendation, would be to book a place on the Franschhoek Wine Tram.** The tram and bus service allows you to sample a variety of wines from various wine farms without having to drive. Try to take the earliest bus possible to fit in all the farms on the various routes. Please note that the buses between stops are open air, so take something warm for the late afternoon cool Franschhoek air. If it is a hot day, please take sun block, hat and a bottle of water (**very important**).

There are various routes to choose from. **Please make sure to book in advance.**

Franschhoek Wine Tram

+27 (0)21 300 0338

info@winetram.co.za

Corner of Main Road and, Cabriere St, Franschhoek,

7690 GPS Coordinates: -33.9060201, 19.1133343

<https://www.facebook.com/winetram>

<https://winetram.co.za/>



Wine Tram Routes

Subject to change

Blue Line:

Franschhoek Cellar Wine Estate
Grande Provence Wine Estate
Klein Goederust Wine Estate
Rickety Bridge Wine Estate
Holden Manz Wine Estate
Mont Rochelle Wine Estate
La Bri Wine Estate
Maison Wine Estate

Orange Line:

Noble Hill Wine Estate
Babylonstoren Wine Estate
Bacco Wine Estate
Vrede en Lust Wine Estate
Plaisir Wine Estate
Boschendal Wine Estate

Pink Line:

Chamonix Wine Estate
Dieu Donne Wine Estate
Franschhoek Cellar Wine Estate
Grande Provence Wine Estate
Leopards Leap Wine Estate
Rickety Bridge Wine Estate
Atlas Swift Wine Estate
Pigcasso Wine Estate

Red Line:

Franschhoek Cellar Wine Estate
Grande Provence Wine Estate
Haute Cabriere Wine Estate
Rickety Bridge Wine Estate
Eikehof Wine Estate
Le Lude Wine Estate
Lynx Wine Estate
Paserene Wine Estate

Navy Line:

Boschendal Wine Estate
Plaisir Wine Estate
Vrede en Lust Wine Estate
Allée Bleu Wine Estate
Bartinney Wine Estate
Camberley Wine Estate
Le Pommier Wine Estate
Zorgvliet Wine Estate

Pricing (pp for each color line):

Adults- R330.00

Children (17 and younger)- R90.00

Tastings separate payment



Restaurants & Café's

Top picks for local restaurants (from informal to fine dining):

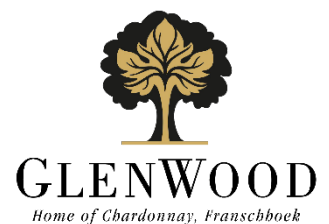
Breakfast:

1. La Motte (1.5km- 18 min walk or 3 min drive)
+27 (0)21 876 8000
R45 Main Rd, Franschhoek Valley
<https://www.la-motte.com/>
2. La Cotte
+27 (0)21 207 3907
24 La Cotte St, Franschhoek, 7690
www.lacottefarm.com
3. Café Du Vin
+27 (0)21 876 4542
46 Huguenot Rd, Franschhoek, 7690
<https://cafeduvin.co.za>
4. Wiesenhof
+27 (0)21 109 7999
191 Main Rd, Franschhoek, 7690
<https://wiesenhof.co.za>



Lunch:

1. Leopards Leap Family Vineyards (just a short stroll 5min stroll from our gate)
+27 (0)21 876 8002
R45, Main Road, Franschhoek
<http://www.leopardsleap.co.za/>
2. La Petite Ferme (lunch/dinner) (beautiful view)
+27 (0)21 876 3016 (online bookings available)
Franschhoek Pass Road, Franschhoek
<http://www.lapetiteferme.co.za/>
3. Glenwood Vineyards (amazing Sushi and Chardonnay)
+27 (0)21 8762044
Robertsvlei Road, Franschhoek, 7690
<https://www.glenwoodvineyards.co.za/>



There are many more restaurants not covered here: Epice, La Colombe, Arkeste, Reuben's Restaurant etc..... (please consult Google or Trip Advisor)

Top picks of local wine farms:

Wine tastings generally close by 5PM at most wine estates – please check with the respective wine farm before you head there.

1. La Motte (1.5km – 18 min walk or 3 min drive)
+27 (0)21 876 8000
R45 Main Road, Franschhoek Valley
<https://la-motte.com/>
2. Delaire Graff Estate
+27(0)21 885 8160
Helshoogte Rd, Stellenbosch, 7602
<https://www.delaire.co.za/>
3. Babylonstoren
Green Valley Rd, Franschhoek, 7690, South Africa
[+27\(0\)21 863 3852](https://babylonstoren.com/)
<https://babylonstoren.com/>
NEW TO THE FARM: SOETMELKSVLEI
(TOURS) WEDNESDAY – SUNDAY
09:00 – 17:00 PLEASE BOOK



4. Haute Cabriere (6.9km – 9min drive)
+27 (0)21 876 8500 **(they have an amazing restaurant as well – please book)**
Lambrechts Road, Franschhoek pass,
Franschhoek
<https://www.cabriere.co.za/>
5. Leopards Leap Family Vineyards (just a short stroll 5min stroll from our gate)
+27 (0)21 876 8002
(they have an amazing restaurant as well – please book)
R45, Main Road, Franschhoek
<http://www.leopardsleap.co.za/>



6. Boschendal
+27(0)21 870 4200
R310 Pniel Road, Groot Drakenstein,
Franschhoek.
<https://boschendal.com/>



7. La Bri Wine Estate
+27 (0)21 876 2593
Excelsior Road, Franschhoek, 7690
<https://labri.co.za>



8. Eikehof
(+27) 83 232 6223
R45, La Motte, Franschhoek, 7691
<https://eikehof.com/>



Top picks for Cheese Buying/Tasting:

1. La Cotte Inn Wine / Fromage de France
+27 (0)21 876 3775
Corner of Main Road & Louis Botha
St Franschhoek, 7690
<https://www.lacotte.co.za/>



2. Dalewood Fromage
+27 (0)21 200 2580
Klapmuts - Simondium Rd,
Klapmuts, Paarl, 7646
<https://www.dalewood.co.za/>



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Top pick for chocolate:

1. Huguenot Fine Chocolates
+27 (0)21 876 4096
1 Daniel Hugo St, Franschhoek, 7690
<https://www.huguenotchocolates.com/>

The Chocolate Experience (A half hour program, outlining the story of chocolate, a chocolate tasting, and a demonstration of how chocolates are made)

HUGUENOT
fine chocolates



Top picks for beer and spirits:

1. Hey Joe Brewing Company (**great restaurant as well**)

+27 (0)66 150 9681

R45, Franschhoek, 7690 (8-min walk from our property)

<https://www.heyjoebrewery.com/>



2. The Franschhoek Beer Company and Restaurant

+27 (0)21 876 2092

R45 Main Road (5-minute walk from our property) restaurant@franschhoekbeerco.co.za

<http://www.franschhoekbeerco.co.za/>

THE FRANSCHHOEK™
BEER Co.

3. Cape Brewing Company (commonly known as CBC) (24.4km – 21min drive)

+27 (0)21 863 2270

Suid-Agter Paarl Road Suider-Paarl/Southern Paarl, 7624

<http://capebrewing.co.za/>



4. Wilderer Distillery (at Spice Route Wine Estate, same location as CBC)

+27 (0)21 863 4367

Suid-Agter Paarl Road Suider-Paarl/Southern Paarl, 7624

<https://wilderer.co.za/>

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5. KWV Wine Emporium (21.7km – 19min drive)

(One of my favourites – they do chocolate and brandy pairings, fudge and brandy pairings – only to name a few)

+27 (0)21 807 3007/8

Kohler Street Southern Paarl, 7646

<http://www.kwvwineemporium.co.za>

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For adults visiting with children who want to play safely and explore:

Franschhoek Cellar

Great play area with childminders for kiddies.

R45 Main Road (as you enter town, on the right-hand side) +27(0)21 876 2086 <http://franschhoekcellar.co.za/>



Boschendal

Great lawns, gardens and space for children to run and explore incl picnics Boschendal Estate, Pniel Road, Groot Drakenstein, Franschhoek +27(0)21 870 4274 / +27 (0) 21 870 4200 <http://www.boschendal.com/>



Fairview Wine and Goat Cheese Farm

This estate has a great display of goats for children to see and possibly touch Suid-Agter Paarl Road, Southern Paarl

+27 21 863 2450

<https://www.fairview.co.za/>



Exotic Animal Farm

+27 (0)21 875 5628 Route
44, Stellenbosch
<http://butterflyworld.co.za>



Le Bonheur Crocodile Farm

Babylonstoren Rd, Klapmuts - Simondium Rd, 7670
+27 (0)21 863 1142 www.lebonheurocrofarm.co.za/



Winelands Light Railway (You can pack your own picnic basket)

060 586 5490
R304, Koelenhof, Stellenbosch
(Diagonally across from Koelenhof Wine Cellar)
<http://www.winelandsrail.co.za/>



The Giraffe House

+27 (0)73 609 2670

R101 & R304, Corner of, Old Paarl Rd, Muldersvlei, Cape Town

<https://www.giraffehouse.co.za/>



Paradise Stables Franschhoek

+27 (0)21 876 2160

Robertsvlei, Franschhoek

www.paradisestables.co.za



The Franschhoek Motor Museum

+27 (0)21 874 9002

R45, Franschhoek, 7690

<https://www.fmm.co.za>



Now that we have covered food & wine, why don't you go for a nature hike in the mountains?

Mont Rochelle Nature Reserve (12.1km – 15min drive)

*At the top of the Franschhoek Pass (not Mont Rochelle Hotel)

Permits to reserve can be bought at the gate (cash) or online which are generally about R70 per person for a single day entry. Children under 12 years enter free.

Operating: Open Monday to Sunday 09:00 – 17:00

<https://montrochellehiking.co.za/>

If you wish to purchase tickets at the gate but you arrive before the guards you can buy them after you return from your hike. The gates are always open.

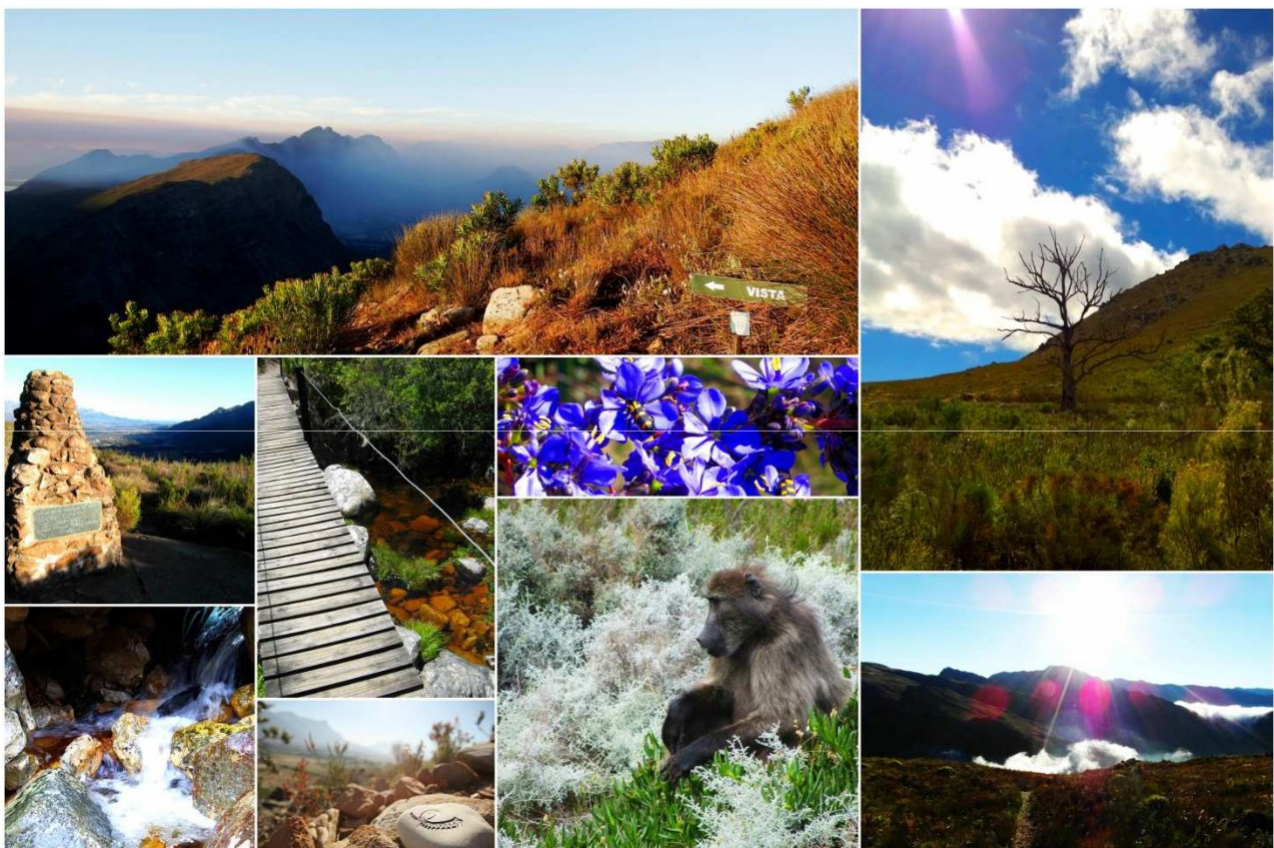
La Motte Sustainable Hike (1.5km walk – 18min walk or 3 min drive)

Cost: R90 per person (or R200 per person for a guided hike)

Operating: Monday to Sunday strictly on reservation (guided hike starts at 8)

+27 (0)21 876 8000

<https://www.la-motte.com/pages/hiking-trail>



Getting around:

Uber is available from time to time but not guaranteed. We also Transport guests if we are available.

Being in a mountainous area, we would generally not recommend walking further than 2km from the property without knowledge of the area and a bottle of water or cycling more than 5km unless you know where you are going, and how to get back.

1. Franschhoek Tuk-Tuk Taxi Services
Daily operating hours: 10h00 till 18h00 +27 (0) 72 735 3035
48b Cabriere St, Franschhoek, 7690
Email: info@tuktukfranschhoek.co.za
<https://www.tuktukfranschhoek.co.za>

*If they ask where you stay, you could tell them to meet you at the entrance gate of Leopards Leap Family Vineyards (which is opposite our entrance gate)



2. Franschhoek Cycle
2 Main Road,
Franschhoek, South
Africa
+27 (0)74 307 1995
+27 (0)81 401 5352
<https://franschhoekcycles.co.za/>

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Need to know:

Concerning local police:

As mentioned before, we do not condone or encourage drinking and driving, but I do want to add that we have a very friendly police force that take a relaxed stance when considering roadblocks and the checking of alcohol consumption of locals and international guests. They (and this is a personal opinion) are more concerned about non-roadworthy cars than drivers (guests) who are in the valley for a weekend having fun. That being said, please act responsibly. Do obey all commands given by a police officer. If ever you doubt the validity of a police officer, you may (by law) drive directly to the closest police station (which is located in Franschhoek town). If you are driving, please drive carefully and calmly and indicate to the officer (verbally or by putting on your hazards of your car) that you will be driving to the police station and they are welcome to meet you there. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** bribe, offer a bribe, hint at a bribe or accept a waiver of a fine if you can bribe an officer of the law. This is a criminal offence and will be taken seriously if found guilty of such behaviour. Please contact the police station directly and ask to speak to a superior if in doubt about any proceedings if ever pulled over or being searched for whatever reason.

The Franschhoek police station is located at:

Corner of Huguenot (R45) and Berg Street, Franschhoek,

7690 If you have a GPS, just enter Berg Street, Franschhoek

+27 (0)21 876 8061

Frequently asked questions about safety:

Is it safe where we are (apartment)?

Yes, the property is situated in such a location that we are privileged to not have to worry too much about safety (please do keep doors locked when not in the apartment). The premises are guarded by (Alsatian), Trompie (Jack Russell), Fighter (Jack Russell), Choppies (Jack Russell) and Hansie (Schnauzer), we also do have perimeter CCTV cameras as well as a direct link to Pepler Alarms.

Is it safe to walk around?

Generally, yes, inside town you are free to walk as you please in safety. There are infrequent reports of petty crimes being committed (pick pocketing, taking some items through an open window etc.) We do ask that you stay alert to these things, if you notice anything suspicious, please alert the nearest guard, or even restaurant owners/managers as Franschhoek locals we have a good support network arranged with local authorities and security companies. We are all linked via WhatsApp groups and can assist very quickly when needed. **Please do not accept any help from people around ATM's (non-bank staff) – if you are struggling ask inside the bank for assistance.**

Main road view from our property heading towards Franschhoek.



Viognier grapes being harvested from our vineyard.

