



# UNDER THE APPLE TREE

*Reconnect with Goodness at Le Pommier*

Le Pommier is located on Helshoogte Pass, the main route between Stellenbosch and Franschhoek. The perfect base to explore this unique and most breathtaking region.

Le Pommier – meaning ‘The Apple Tree’ in French – was once an apple orchard, and formed part of the 300-year-old Zorgvliet farm during that time. Today, you will still find a couple of these apple trees scattered on Le Pommier. In 1692, Casper Wilders, an Austrian mercenary soldier who served in the Dutch East India Company, was granted the Zorgvliet farm, which sparked the beginning for Le Pommier.

The history of Le Pommier includes a lengthy list of owners since the 1600s. The restaurant – a shed for animal feed, back in 1916, was also a chicken run after that, while the guesthouse – now Le Pommier’s Country rooms – was the farm’s original homestead.



#### ACCOMMODATION

Le Pommier Lodge boasts six suites, seven country rooms, and one self-catering unit. The first business here was a coffee shop known as “Die Banhoek Kombuis”.

In 1986, André Grobler (who owned Le Pommier at the time) and Glen Arum, built worker accommodation next to the dam; today, these are the Le Pommier Suites.

Le Pommier’s family self-catering unit was home to about six families, and is known as the “drie deur huis”. The building was on the farm when André Grobler purchased it from Dr Piet le Grange. While under the ownership of Dr Piet Le Grange, this building was a pig farm, and came to be known as ‘Yew Tree’.

A wedding, conference and function venue was added in 2019, and true to Le Pommier’s style and brand, this was created to resemble a farmyard barn. The venue has 90-degree glass panels and sliding doors, to maximise the stunning view of the Simonsberg mountains.

Two additional hectares of Malbec and Cabernet Franc vineyards were planted in the surrounding areas of the new venue in 2020.

#### WINES

Pop into the wine tasting room to sample Le Pommier’s award-winning wines. You will find all the wines are made from grapes grown on the farm. The Le Pommier Jonathan’s Malbec was named after a very mischievous bull. Jonathan broke through a fence and into the vineyards in 2012 and consumed most of the Malbec harvest,





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illustrating his excellent taste.

Another favourite is the Le Pommier Angle Peur Cabernet Franc. The name "Angle Peur" pays homage to the history of the Banghoek area, and the influence of the French Huguenots who arrived in 1688. Banghoek or "scary corner" was also known as "De Bange Hoek". The old pass that ran through this area was dangerously steep, and was home to lions, leopards, and other wild animals. In 1972, the pass was rebuilt into the more scenic, winding road that it is today.

Le Pommier's "Mac" Cabernet Franc & Malbec blend pays homage to Mac van der Merwe, previous proprietor of Le Pommier wine farm.

A lovely Le Pommier Sauvignon Blanc is also available for tasting, and is an excellent accompaniment on a hot summer day. The Le Pommier Rosé is a favourite among guests, and boasts several awards to prove the point.

Le Pommier offers several interesting pairings that are subject to change. Le Pommier also offers wine tasting, including three Le Pommier wines; Sauvignon Blanc, Rosé and Mac - Cabernet Franc/Malbec blend. Jonathan's Malbec and Angle Peur Cabernet Franc are not available for tasting, as they are limited releases, but are available for sale online, at the Le Pommier wine shop, or at the tasting room. Pairings for kids are also available.



The wine tasting area is open seven days a week, excluding Christmas day and New Year's Day.

#### **RUSTIC DINING AT LE POMMIER**

Le Pommier Restaurant is a cosy dining establishment specialising in traditional Cape cuisine. The a la carte menu offers something for everyone. Delight in a lingering breakfast, or enjoy a leisurely lunch on the terrace. For




something a bit more special, why not take in the rustic ambience over dinner in one of the restaurant's intimate nooks? During winter, you can enjoy your meals next to a cosy fireplace. The restaurant is child-friendly and boasts a kiddies' play area outside.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Celebrate a special birthday, anniversary, or baby / bridal shower with beautiful scenery as your backdrop. Le Pommier Wine Estate is the perfect choice for a party with stunning views, great food, and superb wine. Le Pommier caters for both formal and informal events, conferences,

weddings, and other celebrations.

The team at Le Pommier is well-known for their hospitality and friendly service, with some members having been part of the family for more than 30 years. Le Pommier invites you to enjoy all that this gem of the Stellenbosch Wine Route has to offer. 

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