



# LABORIE

HERITAGE WINE ESTATE

**GUEST INFORMATION FOLDER**

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## GUEST INFORMATION

### LABORIE PHONE NUMBERS

Reception Desk	021 807 3095
Wine Tasting	021 807 3095
Picnic	021 807 3095
Conference & Events Office	021 807 3095
Giovanni's Restaurant	021 807 3390

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Security (24 Hours)</b>	<b>021 807 3466 / 082 467 7756</b>
Laborie Hospitality	078 610 6112
Police	021 807 4000
Fire Department	021 872 2323
Mediclinic Paarl	021 807 8000
Mediclinic Stellenbosch	021 861 2000
Pharmacy	021 871 1034
Poison Information Centre	086 155 5777
Snake Catcher	082 380 1987

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## GUEST DIRECTORY

The following **A – Z** information is provided for your convenience.

### A

#### Accommodation Services

In addition to our daily services, our Accommodation team will be pleased to provide the following items on request for your comfort:

- Additional blankets in the dresser
- Baby cot (on request)
- Iron & laundry services ( on request)
- Microwave oven ( until 6pm)

#### Airlines

British Airways	010 344 0130
Emirates	086 012 3155
KLM	086 024 7747
Kulula	086 158 5852
Lufthansa	086 184 2538
SAA	0860 003 146

#### Airports

Cape Town International	021 937 1200
King Shaka International – Durban	032 436 6758
Lanseria Airport – Johannesburg	011 367 0300
O.R.TAMBO – Johannesburg	011 921 6262

#### Alcohol

Laborie wines can be purchased from the Manor House, please dial 021 807 3095 during office hours for assistance.

#### Alarms

- Blue button: Activates and deactivates the alarm in the cottage.  
The blue light will be visible above the front door of the cottage. Press the blue button to turn off the alarm. As soon as the light is off, you can enter the cottage.

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- When leaving the cottage, please ensure all doors and windows are closed, and aircons are switched off. To re-arm the alarm, press the blue button. The blue light above the door indicates that the alarm is on.

Please note: You cannot activate the alarm while you are inside the cottage.

- The red button is the Panic Button (Emergencies only)
- Please call Security on **082 467 7756** for any other queries.

## Allergies

Should you suffer from allergies and require Hollow Fibre duvets or pillows, contact Reception on 021 807 3095.

## B

### Babysitting

A babysitting service can be arranged and will be charged by the hour. Please advise the Reception Desk of your requirements 48 hours in advance.

### Banks

The Banks listed below are within 20km from Laborie Estate. Contact Reception should you require contact details or the address of a specific bank in Stellenbosch, Franschhoek or Paarl.

ABSA	086 000 8600
American Express Foreign Exchange	080 016 0992
FNB	087 575 9404
Nedbank	086 055 5111
Standard Bank	086 12 3000

### Breakfast

Breakfast is served daily.

Monday - Friday from 07h00 – 10h00 in the Manor House.

Saturday & Sunday and public holidays from 08h00 – 10h00 in the Manor House.

### Business Centre

Contact reception and they will take care of all arrangements. Services utilised will be charged for.

## C

### Car Parking

Parking is available on the grounds in the demarcated areas only.

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## Car Rental

Winelands Experience	021 876 4042
Avis	088 610 2111
Sixt Car Rental	011 230 9999

## Checkout

Checkout time is between 08h00 and 11h00. Should an earlier checkout be required, please contact Reception so that your bill can be settled the day before. Keys can be dropped off at the security gates as you exit.

## Children

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please note that we are a working farm with tractors and open water areas. Please make sure that your children are under your supervision at all times.

## Cottage Cleaning Service

Stay-over rooms are cleaned daily. Please let reception know should this service not be required.

The Jonkershuis and Villa are both self-catering cottages, no daily housekeeping included.

## Concierge or Reception

Contact Reception for assistance with reservations for e.g. restaurants, tours or excursions.

## Conference Facilities

Enquire at our Conference and Events office on 021 807 3095.

## D

### Doctor

If you require a doctor or emergency service, call Reception and they will contact a doctor. For after-hours assistance contact Laborie security on 082 467 7756.

## E

### Eco Policy

Making a positive impact on the environment, on the well-being of the community and in the lives of our guests is at the core of Laborie's philosophy. We have included some eco-friendly details in our activities section, towards the back of the information folder

A few points you could assist in doing, include:

- Towels: Replaced every second day. If hung up, we will assume that you wish to use the same towels again. If on the floor or in the bath, we will replace with fresh towels.
- Lights: Please switch off all lights when not in the cottage or rooms.

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- Air conditioners: Please switch off when the doors and windows are open, and when you leave the cottage or room.

## F

### **Farm**

Our farm features unique landscapes and exquisite facilities which will make your stay unforgettable.

Please be aware that Laborie is a working farm with dams and water features. Appropriate care should be taken to ensure you and your safety.

### **First Aid**

For all minor first aid emergencies or medical assistance from 08h00 to 17h00, please contact Reception. For after-hours assistance, contact Security on 082 467 7756

### **Flashlights**

In the event of a power failure, there is a flashlight / torch in the bedside drawer in the bedroom/s. Please advise Reception if you notice that the batteries are running low

### **Foreign Exchange**

We do not have foreign exchange facilities on the farm. We recommend that you make use of the exchange facilities in Paarl, Stellenbosch or Franschhoek. Please refer to Banks' details as listed above.

### **Function Venues**

Laborie provides an idyllic and natural setting for large and small functions.

The Laborie Manor House, Werf Garden and Champagne Cellar are all available as venues.

An experienced Laborie team will ensure the planning and execution of your event will be steam-lined and memorable. Please give us a call for customized arrangements.

## G

### **Gratuities**

Service charges are not included. Should you wish to leave a gratuity, please feel free to leave this at Reception, where it will be shared amongst the team members responsible during your stay.

## H

### **Hairdressers**

Contact Reception, where we will gladly make an appointment at a local hair salon.

### **Hairdryers**

Hairdryers are available in all guest cottages and are located in the wardrobe.

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## I

### **Insects (Mosquitoes & Flies)**

For your comfort you will find Peaceful Sleep spray in the bedrooms.

### **International Plugs**

There are multi use plugs in your cottage. South Africa utilises 240w electrical supply and either a 2 or 3 round prong plug connectors. Should you require international adaptors, these are for sale at Reception.

## K

### **Keys**

Ensure that your room or cottage is always locked securely when leaving. Hand in the keys upon check-out or drop off at security at the exit.

In the event of lost, misplaced, or stolen keys, a charge of R500 per set will apply.

## L

### **Leisure Activities at Laborie**

An array of exciting activities is available at Laborie, and listed at the back of the folder. These include wine tasting, fishing, kids play zone, picnics and farm roads for MTB & jogging.

### **Leisure Activities Close to Laborie**

Refer to the list of activities available at the back of the folder i.e. golf, fly fishing, horse riding, walking tours.

### **Lost Property**

Any lost property found on the Laborie Estate or left behind in the cottages is placed in storage at Reception. Contact Reception should you have lost an item.

We will keep Lost & Found for up to 3 months, and then the items will be donated to a local charity.

### **Laundry**

We offer limited laundry services. Please enquire with Reception on pricing and turnaround time.

### **Luggage Storage**

Should you have checked out, but wish to spend some extra time at Laborie, luggage storage is available at Reception until 18h00.

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## M

### **Mail / Messages**

Any mail or messages addressed to Guests, will be held at Reception for collection at your convenience.

### **Maintenance Report**

Whilst we do our utmost to ensure that your cottage is ready upon arrival, and that all items are in perfect working condition, we would greatly appreciate any problems / issues be reported to Reception, so that we can get it seen to immediately.

## P

### **Places of Worship**

There are a number of churches, Synagogues and Mosques in Paarl, Pniël, and Stellenbosch. Please see back for detailed guide.

## Q

### **Quiet**

As a courtesy to other Guests, please refrain from loud noise (television, music, talking) between 22h00 and 08h00.

## R

### **Reception**

Reception is open daily from 08h00 to 18h00. Should you need to check out outside of these times, please notify Reception to make arrangements.

### **Restaurants at Laborie**

Picnic 021 807 3095

Giovanni's 021 807 3390

Mon-Sat 12h00 – 21h00

Sunday 12h00 – 16h00 (Closed in the evening)

The venue offers a relaxed and child friendly environment. The informal menu is seasonal and is open daily from 12h00 to 21h00 for lunch and dinner.

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## Restaurants in Franschhoek, Stellenbosch and Paarl Valley

The Franschhoek, Stellenbosch and Paarl Valley are fortunate enough to boast some of the best restaurants in South Africa, and consistently have at least two of the top ten restaurants featured in the annual "Eat Out Awards". We have listed the most popular restaurants located within 15km from our estate at the back of the folder.

Due to their popularity reservations are recommended to ensure availability. Contact Reception should you require assistance with bookings.

## S

### Security

Security can be reached at 082 467 7756.

### Smoking Policy

No smoking is allowed indoors in any of our rooms or buildings. You are welcome to smoke outdoors on your terrace.

Please always be considerate to our non-smoking Guests.

### Snakes

Laborie is a farm environment and although seldom seen, snakes are natural inhabitants. They are usually more visible during early summer, when they come out of hibernation. Should you see a snake near your cottage, please contact Security on 082 467 7756 or our Snake Catcher on 082 380 1987.

To assist with treatment of snakebites, identification of a snake is critical, so please take note of any markings.

## T

### Taxi

Winelands Experience	021 876 4042
Betinna Shuttles	082 568 2738
Shuttle Up	072 246 4592
Go Shuttle	072 368 3455

### Television

Due to loadshedding your channels available might be affected.

### Tours

Should you wish to explore further afield we can recommend tours including, Cape Point, Shark Cage Diving in Gansbaai, and Whale watching in Hermanus. Contact Reception for more information or to book.

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## V

### **Valuables**

All valuables should be stored in the safe, located in your wardrobe. The safe has a coded lock and unlock system, where you can put your password in. If you forget the code, there is a black key attached on the Guestroom keys for unlocking the safe, in order to get your valuables.

## W

### **Wi-Fi**

Laborie offers complimentary open Wi-Fi in all cottages and public areas for Guests.

### **Wine Tasting**

Laborie Wines are known and loved all over South Africa and internationally. The range consists of a Trio of Cap Classiques, a selection of Whites, Reds and a quality dry Rosé.

The Laborie and Taillefert range are available for tasting and for purchase from the estates Tasting Room and Wine Shop.

Open Monday – Sunday, 11h00 – 17h00.

## Y

### **You**

No one is more important to us than YOU and your time enjoyed at Laborie. If there is anything that we can do to ensure your stay is more memorable, please ask and we'll do our best to assist.

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## Restaurant Guide

### RESTAURANTS IN FRANSCHHOEK, STELLENBOSCH AND PAARL VALLEY

Below we have listed some of the most popular restaurants located within 15 km distance from our estate.

Due to their popularity, reservations are required. Kindly contact Reception should you require assistance with bookings.

### STELLENBOSCH

#### **Tokara Restaurant**

021 885 2550

Lunch: Tuesday - Sunday  
Dinner: Tuesday - Saturday

#### **Delaire Graff Estate**

021 885 8160

##### **Main Restaurant**

Lunch: Daily 12h00 to 14h15  
Dinner: Wednesday - Saturday 18h30 to 21h00

##### **Indochine**

Lunch: Monday - Sunday 12h30 to 14h30  
Dinner: 18h30 to 21h30

#### **Wijnhuis**

021 887 5844

Lunch & Dinner Daily

#### **The Big Easy**

021 887 3462

Breakfast Daily: 07h30 to 10h30  
Lunch Daily: 12h00 to 15h00  
Dinner Daily: 18h00 to 22h00

### FRANSCHHOEK

#### **Reubens**

021 876 3772

Lunch daily: 12h00 to 15h00  
Dinner Daily: 19h00 to 21h00

#### **Le Quartier**

021 876 2151

##### **Tasting Room**

Monday - Friday: 10h00 to 17h00  
Saturday: 15h00 to 17h00  
Sundays Closed

#### **Dutch East**

021 876 3547

Brunch: 10h00 to 11h00

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Lunch: 11h30 to 16h30

Dinner: 18h30 to 21h30

## **Bread & Wine**

021 876 3692

Lunch: Thursday - Monday 12h00 to 15h00

## **Haute Cabriere**

021 876 8500

Lunch: Tuesday - Sunday 12h30 to 15h00

Delicious things: Friday - Saturday 15h00 to 19h00

Dinner: Friday -Saturday 19h00 to 21h00

## PAARL

### **Noop Restaurant**

021 863 3925

Lunch and dinner: Monday - Sunday 11h00 to late

Closed Sundays.

### **The Rhebok Restaurant**

021 869 8386

Rhebokskloof Wine Estate

Daily: 07h00 to 09h00

### **The Hussar Grill**

021 863 0466

Lunch and dinner daily: 12h00 to 22h00

### **Giovanni's**

021 807 3390

Lunch and Dinner daily: 12h00 to 21h00

Sunday (lunch only): 12h00 to 16h00

## PLACES OF WORSHIP

### CHURCHES

#### **Pniel Congregational Church**

021 885 1300

Main Road, Pniel

#### **Methodist Church of Southern Africa - Paarl**

065 887 9555

Sanddrift

Paarl

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## **Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk Die Paarl**

### **(Strooidakkerk)**

021 872 4396

163 Main St

Paarl

## **Our Lady of Divine Love Catholic Church**

021 872 6835

Barbarossa St

Paarl

## **New Apostolic Church Cloetesville**

Lang Rd

Stellenbosch, South Africa

## **Kruiskerk**

021 883 3458/074 354 0088/021 887 5020

Victoria St

Stellenbosch

## SYNAGOGUES

### **Paarl / Wellington Hebrew Congregation**

021 872 2132

Paarl

Friday evening services

### **Stellenbosch Hebrew Congregation**

082 824 1908

Stellenbosch

## MOSQUES

### **Gujatul Islam Masjid**

29 Banghoek Road

Stellenbosch

### **Masjidun Nur**

Lappert Street

Paarl

### **Masjid Uthmania**

Berg River Boulevard

Paarl

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## LEISURE ACTIVITIES

### GOLF

<b>Devon Valley Golf Course</b> Bottelary Road	021 865 2080
<b>Boschenmeer Golf Course</b> R301, Wemmershoek Rd, Paarl	021 863 1140
<b>Erinvale</b> Lourensford Rd, Somerset West	021 847 1120
<b>Pearl Valley</b> R301, Wemmershoek Rd, Franschhoek	021 867 8000
<b>De Zalze</b> R44, Stellenbosch	021 880 7300
<b>Stellenbosch Golf Course</b> R44, Strand Rd	021 880 0103
<b>Strand Golf Course</b> R44, Strand	021 853 6268

### FLY FISHING

**Eikendal fly fishing** 021 855 2646

Sporting two dams, each stocked with popular angling species, Eikendal Wines offers a fun filled day of fly fishing for the keen visitor. There is an on-site fly shop where you can acquire tackle, flies and rods for rental.

**La Ferme fly fishing** 082 555 2043

La Ferme is situated just after the R310 turn-off towards Franschhoek. This beautiful venue consists of four dams stocked with trout, bass and carp. A river also runs through the farm and can be fished. If you require lessons, an instructor can be booked by prior arrangement.

### HORSE RIDING

**Wine Valley Horse Trails** 083 226 8735 / 083 657 5135

Offering packages to suit everyone. There are 1 hour, 2 hour and 4 hour rides, with special wine tasting trails. Operational daily. The trails are led by experienced and qualified guides.

**Paradise Horse Riding Trails** 021 876 2160

Situated in Franschhoek, visitors can do an hourly scenic out-ride or a 2 and a half hour ride with a 45 minute stop at wineries for some wine tasting.

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## MOUNTAIN BIKING

### **Bikes and wines**

021 823 8790

A unique concept combining both mountain biking and exclusive wine tasting. The tours are targeted at the young-at-heart and outdoor-loving visitors who would like to experience a wine tour from a different and authentic viewpoint. Guests can choose from a variety of individual tours, which can vary in distance, intensity and added extras such as brandy tasting at a world class distillery.

### **M Race Guided Mountain Bike Tours**

084 824 1237/021 872 6521

Offers several route options for beginners to advanced riders. Routes offer breath-taking views of the Boland area with Vineyards, Olive farms and pine forests. Riders are welcome to bring their own bike or hire an entry level bike to suit their needs. Guides are experienced riders with extensive local knowledge to show you the best the Boland has to offer.

### **Winelands Cycling Meander**

021 418 3803

Experience the historic Cape wine route with a personal guide who will take you on a winelands meander. Guests have the option of either hiking, cycling or mountain biking in either Stellenbosch or Franschhoek.

## TRAIL RUNNING

Warm up on the farm roads and orchard paths.

## WALKING AND EXPLORING

### **Kloof Nature Trail**

A scenic trail that climbs to the base of the Simonsberg cliffs and then descends via an indigenous-treed ravine.

The trail can be quickly accessed by driving to the Viewpoint. From here a 3km loop takes in a forested ravine and Afro-montagne vegetation on the slopes of Simonsberg. A seasonal waterfall at the base of the cliffs can be viewed by following the stream that is crossed approximately halfway on the trail.

For a longer walk (between 8-10km depending on your return route), start and end at Rhodes Dam. Follow the black trail markers uphill passing the historical ruins, ascend a forested ravine and then traverse west (turn right) along a contour jeep track towards the Kloof Trail. The marked Kloof Trail can be picked up approx. 1km along this jeep track. Note that the Silvermine Trail traverses east (left) at the same forested ravine and jeep track junction. To arrange a guided tour please contact reception.

### **The Pniël Walking Tour**

A local community guide will take you on a walking tour of the village. Hear the history of this community through the years of apartheid to the current day. The tour is unobtrusive for community residents and allows Guests the freedom to interact with residents. Tea at the local museum is also recommended as part of the tour.

**Rate:** R120p/p

**Duration:** 2 hours

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## OTHER THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

### **The Spice Route Estate**

021 863 5222

Suider Paarl Road  
Paarl, Cape Winelands.

Venetian style glass blowing studios and demonstrations. Beer, chocolate and wine tasting as well as various restaurants. Ideal for family outings as you could spend the day there.

Open daily from 09h00 to 17h00.

### **Butterfly World**

021 875 5628

Route 44 Klapmuts  
Near Stellenbosch and Paarl, Cape Winelands.

More than 24 species of exotic butterflies and a large variety of birds.

Open daily from 09h00 to 17h00.

### **The Drakenstein Lion Park**

021 863 3290

Old Paarl Road  
Paarl, Cape Winelands.

This 50 hectares of lion habitat was established in 1998 for lions born in captivity or hand reared which cannot be rehabilitated into the wild.

Feeding times are on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 16h00.

Open daily from 07h00 to 17h00.

### **The KWV Wine Emporium**

021 807 3007/8

Kholer Street  
Paarl South, Cape Winelands.

Brandy and Wine Tastings, as well as cellar tours in this world famous Cathedral cellar.

Tour times from Monday - Saturday at 10h00, 10h30 and 14h15. Sundays at 11h00

### **Play or Watch Polo**

021 863 6170

Val De Vie Wine and Polo Estate  
On the R301 between Paarl and Franschoek, Cape Winelands.

Open from Tuesday - Sunday.

Booking Essential.

### **The Paarl Taalmuseum and Taalmonument**

021 863 4809

Museum

021 863 0543

Experience the history of the Afrikaans language by visiting the Taalmonument and Taalmuseum.

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Museum open from Monday - Friday 08h30 to 16h30  
Monument open from Monday - Sunday 08h00 to 20h00

## **The Franschhoek Motor Museum**

021 874 9002

Off the R45 as you enter Franschhoek.

Four large warehouses containing 20 vintage cars each.

Open from Monday - Friday 10h00 to 17h00  
Saturday and Sunday from 10h00 to 16h00

## **The Huguenot Memorial Museum**

021 876 2532

Franschhoek

Off the R45 as you enter Franschhoek

## INTERESTING NEARBY TOWNS TO EXPLORE

### **Paarl**

This is the third oldest town in the Republic of South Africa (after Cape Town and Stellenbosch) and the largest town in the Cape Winelands. It is renowned for its haunting scenic beauty and viticulture and fruit growing heritage. Paarl gained international attention when, on 11 February 1990, Nelson Mandela walked out of Victor Verster Correctional Centre (now known as Drakenstein Correctional Centre) in Paarl, ending 27 years of imprisonment. Today a bronze statue of Mandela stands outside the prison.

### **Stellenbosch**

Along the banks of the Eerste River, Stellenbosch is the second oldest town in the province, after Cape Town. The town became known as the City of Oaks or Eikestad in Afrikaans and Dutch, due to the large number of Oak trees that were planted by its founder, Simon van der Stel.

### **Franschhoek (French corner)**

The Franschhoek valley was originally settled in 1688 by French Huguenot refugees. This heritage is shown today in the Huguenot museum at the end of the town, which chronicles the history of the first settlers, with each of the original Huguenot farms having a fascinating story to tell.

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## THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE LABORIE ESTATE

### BACKGROUND

Laborie is steeped in history. Having been established in 1692, it has become an historic landmark and Paarl icon. It all began in 1691, when a considerable piece of land was granted by the Governor of the Cape Colony, Simon van der Stel, to Isaac Taillefert – a hat maker from Chateau-Thierry, a village located in the province of Champagne, France. This piece of land was named Picardi, and his son, Jean Taillefert, was granted Laborie at the age of 15 years old. The 51,4 hectares of farmland, stretched from Paarlberg to the Berg River.

It was the driving force of Taillefert's wife, Susanne Briet, that led to the success of Picardi and Laborie as a wine farm. Susanne descended from a long line of well-known winemakers from Monneaux, France. It is believed that she trained the winemakers of Groot Constantia, while the farm was under the ownership of Simon van der Stel.

During this period, the farms became well-known by travelers as having some of the greatest wines, magnificent gardens, aviaries and a large variety of birds and livestock, including cattle, horses and sheep. Her passion and knowledge for viticulture and winemaking continued via her daughter Elisabeth Taillefert.

In 1735, Jean de Villiers inherited the farms from his mother, Elisabeth Taillefert, taking its reputation to the next level, as the wine production skyrocketed. A year after his leadership, the farm was listed as one of the largest vineyards in Paarl. His widow, Hester Meilius, doubled the production after the death of her second husband, Pierre Pieter Loret, and the vineyards grew to 80 000 vines, making it the largest in the Paarl area.

Once again, the farm sees pioneering women at its helm, when Hester Meilius's leaves the farm to her daughter, Hester Loret. Hendrik Louw, Loret's husband bought the farm from his mother-in-law's estate in 1774, with the aim to create an exemplary wine farm, and further develop the Picardi farm.

After his death, widow Hester married Johannes Jacobus Haupt, a baker by trade. He was responsible for building the iconic Manor House in 1800 that still awes guests today. At that time, the farming became quite volatile, which can be attributed to the fact that Haupt was a baker, and not a farmer, and that Hester had become older. Haupt was also responsible for the first piece of land that was cut-off from the original farms of Laborie and Picardi.

Pieter Roux, married Hester and Hendrik Louw's daughter, Elisabeth Maria Louw and bought the farms from his mother-in-law, Hester Loret (Louw / Haupt)'s estate. He went on to distill the first brandy, making this distillery the forerunner of Paarl's Stokery.

In 1842 Adriaan Jacobus Louw bought the farms at an insolvent auction of Jakob de Villiers, who's widow still owned part of the land that she sold to The Paarl Distillery Company in 1843. Adriaan Louw was later known for planting Southern Paarl's famous pine avenue.

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Both farms were inherited by Louws widow, Charlotta Louisa Maria Herold in 1877. The same year she sold four plots between the Berg River and Paarl station, and her son, Tobias Johannes Louw, continued his father's legacy with the remainder of the land. Tobias was a great horse lover, and the horses of Laborie often won first prize at the Paarl Shows. During the Second War of Independence, it was with great regret, that he had to say farewell to six of his steeds, when they were commanded to fight in the war, and were transported via ox cart. During the war, the four colors hung above the top of the giant Lukwart tree, to the annoyance of the Town Guard khakis, who inhabited the blockhouse on the corner of Main and Station Roads.

Tobias's period as owner of Laborie was marked, by attempts to loosen capital trapped in the property, by selling off parts of the estate.

Tobias' son Louis Hofmeyr Louw, was a valuable asset to the farm, as he would oversee the daily duties, while Tobias spent more of his time on business and politics. Louis also became the first vineyard farmer to export grapes abroad, by wrapping the grape bunches in paper and tightly packing them in boxes with wood wool.

In 1863 the farm was subdivided again when land was needed for the new railway line between Cape Town and Wellington.

The first Paarl agricultural exhibition was held at Laborie and was also the meeting place of several congresses shortly after the Second War of Independence. In the oak forest that adorned the gorge, hundreds of people traveled by train from far away, to discuss the emergencies resulting from the war.

In 1925, the farm was divided and Louis Hofmeyr Louw moves to Picardi and his youngest brother, Ebenezer Louw remains at Laborie. After Ebenezer's death in 1931, his widow and their son Pieter Eksteen Louw farmed the land, until Laborie was sold to KWV in 1972.

The Louws of Laborie were a close-knit family, with many values and traditions. One of these family traditions, was the annual celebration of Charlotte Louw's birthday at Laborie. Family members from near and far would travel to Paarl by train, and walk from Paarl station to Laborie for the celebratory lunch. They would also enjoy family holiday's during March and April, when they would visit Onrus or elsewhere along the coast, on a six-horse-drawn carriage.

The Louws, like most families of that time, were self-sufficient. Before there were stores in Southern Paarl, the farm's workers were responsible for providing all food supplies such as bread, milk, meat, wine and groceries.

The Louw children were schooled until Grade 8. A governess was responsible for the schooling and church services in one of the three rooms of The Cottage, and the other two rooms served as bedrooms for the boys.

All of Laborie and Picardi's land between Main Street and the railway line was sold by the late 1900s, for the development the town and businesses in Southern Paarl.

A portion of the Picardi farm was also sold to Joseph Allen after the war. This section was west of Paarl Main Street and east of the distillery.

The mountain stream that flowed from the Victoria Gorge was Laborie's main water source. The water flowed in a canal along the farm's northern boundary on a contour that, more or less, follows the Jan Phillipsberg Road. The Victoria Dam was built in 1880 of coarse granite blocks, it was about 60m x 20m large and 5m deep. From the dam, the stream would flow down to the Laborie homestead and was used to water the garden. A lead pipe supplied water to a basin on the homestead's veranda.

Since 1877, Tobias Louw allowed granite cutters to extract stone on Laborie. Railway lines were used to transport the granite from Paarlberg to Paarl station. The first quarry track ran near a large oak forest on

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Laborie's northern border, along a narrow road on the opposite side of Clift Street. There, the track crossed the Main Street to the station. Trucks reeled down to the station, after which, the empty trucks were pulled up to the quarry by mules. It is believed that the foundations of the Parliament House are built from Laborie granite.

On the 10 November 1900, a protest meeting was held at Laborie, where just under 2,000 women attended. A monument was unveiled at Laborie in September 2005 to commemorate the general public's protest against the war. The monument consists of a life-size man and woman, and seven relief panels by sculptor, Johan Moolman.

In 1972, KWV purchases Laborie, which was two-folded. Firstly, it was about preserving the rural surroundings of the traditional Boland wine farms, that were in danger of subdivision into townships. And secondly, with the aim of propagating selected virus-free vines. Laborie's fruit trees and table grape vineyards were cut down and replaced with wine grape cultivars. At that time, KWV wanted to make a red wine blend similar to the famous Roodeberg.

KWV also saw the historic farm, as a means to showcase Paarl's cultural landscape as a major tourist attraction. Laborie would also serve as a guest house for local and international visitors, a tasting room, restaurant and entertainment facility. Laborie's Manor House was declared a national monument in 1977.

## DISCLAIMER

Laborie (Pty) Ltd will not be held accountable for any liability however arising.

For your safety, please abide by the following warnings and security measures:

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- Children under 12 are to be accompanied by an adult at all times
- Swim at your own risk in our pools or dams as there are no life guards
- Extinguish cigarettes
- Do not leave your personal belongings unattended outside
- Keep your cottage doors locked at all times if you leave your cottage
- Store all valuables in your in-room safe
- Review the Fire Action Plan

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Laborie reserves the right of admission to any person on the Estate.

Rooms may only be used by the registered Guests.

Smoking is not permitted in any rooms or within any premises on the Estate.

Guests may not bring any hazardous goods, materials or weapons onto the Estate.

Guests may not bring dogs and other animals onto the Estate.

Guests may not move furnishings or interfere with the electrical or any other installations in their rooms or elsewhere on the Estate.

Guests are required to ensure that children in their care are properly supervised.

Guests are required to be quiet between the hours of 22h00 and 08h00 and may not disturb other Guests. No visitors are allowed on the premises after 21h00.

Guests will be obliged to pay for any loss or damage of Laborie's property caused by them or persons for whom they are responsible.

Money, jewellery and other valuables brought onto Laborie by Guests and visitors are at their sole risk and they are solely responsible for the safekeeping thereof. A safe is provided in each cottage. Laborie and its management, staff and agents do not accept responsibility for any loss thereof or damage thereto.

The attendance of all Guests and visitors on Laborie and their use of any facilities or participation in any activity or event are entirely at their own risk. Laborie and its management, staff and agents, do not accept responsibility for any damage to or loss of property or for any personal injury or death.