

LEGENDARY CAPE WINE TRAILBLAZER GYLES WEBB HELPED TO CATAPULT SOUTH AFRICA ONTO THE WORLD WINE STAGE WITH HIS HERALDED THELEMA MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS, ESTABLISHED IN THE 1980s. WHILE CONTINUING TO TURN PLENTY OF HEADS WITH THE DAZZLING WINES OF HIS ACCLAIMED STELLENBOSCH ESTATE, WEBB DECIDED TO EXPAND HIS VINEYARDS AND TAKE ON A NEW CHALLENGE IN 2002. AFTER SEARCHING LONG AND HARD, THE WEBBS PURCHASED AN IDYLIC APPLE FARM IN THE COOL-CLIMATE COASTAL REGION OF ELGIN, AND SO IT WAS THAT SUTHERLAND WAS BORN.

# SUTHERLAND

PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY THELEMA MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS



Uniquely, the Elgin Valley (part of the larger Overberg region) is set on a high plateau completely surrounded by mountains. Located approximately 70km southeast of Cape Town, Elgin is also home to the Kogelberg Biosphere, where many rare and endangered species of protea can be found. The vineyards are set in the Green Mountain Eco Route, the world's first biodiversity wine route. An area historically known for fruit orchards (especially apples) and flowers, Elgin is quickly gaining a reputation for intense, aromatic white wines. The cool maritime climate allows for slower ripening than in other areas of the Cape Winelands, resulting in wines that possess vibrant, concentrated fruit flavors and elegant minerality.

Situated less than five miles from the Indian Ocean with altitude of 140 – 250 meters above sea level, the undulating hills of the 100 hectare Sutherland property boast dramatic views of orchards, vineyards, natural fynbos, flowers, and forests. Shortly after purchasing the Sutherland property, the Webbs set out converting approximately 25 hectares of fruit trees into vineyards, beginning with Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. The farm is currently focused on white wine production, with additional plantings of Merlot and Shiraz set to come online in the next few years. The Sutherland wines are vinified and bottled at Thelema's Stellenbosch estate (approximately one hour's drive from Sutherland) and packaged under screwcap.

Sutherland's noticeably cooler temperatures, steeper gradients, and soils with higher rates of water retention combine to create a micro-climate significantly different from that of Thelema's Stellenbosch vineyards. Cellarmaster Gyles Webb and winemaker Rudi Schultz are excited about the opportunity to introduce the world to an exceptional range of Sutherland wines which reflect both their Elgin terroir and their Thelema pedigree!



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