“The greatest skill as winemaker is to be able to produce wine in a way where you can feel, smell and taste where the vines are grown – terroir is my obsession – with the Helderberg Mountain at my back, False Bay 8km away, Table Mountain in the distance, deep granite soils with cool air moving onto the vines from the Indian Ocean the Eikendal Terroir fills my obsession with Terroir”

Nico Grobler, Cellar Master Eikendal
Wine to us is Passion and Terroir & Finesse ...
Contemporary Classics from South Africa!

Established back in 1981 by the Swiss Saager family from Zurich, this prominent Stellenbosch cellar on the foot of the Helderberg has been consistently crafting world-class wines with timeless precision for more than three decades.

Perfectly positioned on the famed ‘golden slopes’ of South Africa’s red wine production area, Eikendal is renowned for its classic Bordeaux-style red wines and fine Chardonnay – all wines that speak for themselves with understated elegance.

Nestled on the foothills of the Helderberg Mountains better known as the famed ‘golden slopes’ of South Africa’s red wine production, Eikendal flourishes in its quintessential terroir where fertile soil compositions and the cool ocean breezes of the nearby Atlantic, naturally intertwine to create super premium wines.

Fringed by towering oaks and stone pines our striking barrel-vaulted cellar was one of the first in the Cape to combine traditional and modern elements thereby creating a new South African style of winery architecture and wines.
It is Family and Friends ...
IN THE HEART OF THE CAPE WINELANDS!

Eikendal, a mere 40 minute drive from Cape Town, maximises its favourable terroir and close proximity to False Bay to produce great wines that speak of passion, terroir and finesse. The red varieties in particular, benefit from the cool conditions which allow slower, optimal ripening of the grapes. The estate’s location is also a premium pocket for producing exceptional Chardonnay with strong regional and varietal integrity, showcasing the best characteristics of the cultivar with a ‘fresher and tighter’ taste profile.

Eikendal comprises 70ha (173 acres) of cultivated vineyards, 70% of which are reds (Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Grenache, Malbec, Petit Verdot) and 30% are white varieties (Chardonnay). The overall average production is 350 000 bottles of wine per annum.
It is Warmth of Heart ...
THE WINEMAKER – NICO GROBLER

Born and raised in Gauteng, Eikendal winemaker Nico Grobler soon realised his destiny when his family relocated to Stellenbosch in 1997 and he first laid eyes on the verdant Cape Winelands.

After matriculating at Stellenbosch High School, he spurred on his dream of becoming a winemaker by graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture (BSc Agric) specialising in Viticulture and Oenology from the University of Stellenbosch. During his studies Nico cut his winemaking teeth at Eikendal wine farm where he completed his harvest practical and soon became a regular hand at this renowned cellar on the foothills of the Helderberg.

Nico was promoted to Eikendal winemaker in October 2009 and continues to optimise the favourable terroir fanned by cooling ocean breezes and ideal soil compositions, following a ‘wine is made in the vineyards’ mantra.

“A combination of destiny and good judgment brought me to the wine business and ultimately to Eikendal. For me winemaking is not a job, but simply a passion put into practice,” says Nico. “I’m privileged to be able to do what I’m passionate about. To be able to wake up to the sight of Table Mountain in the distance, framed by the Helderberg in the background and lush vineyards at your doorstep.

It certainly beats a good day at any office. For me the secret lies in happiness when it comes to crafting memorable wines,” he adds.

A talented winemaker in his own right, Nico has a clear idea about the style of wine that he likes to produce and believes that winemaking is all about balance, resulting in refined wines of flavour and finesse.

Nico is married to Christelle, an economist at the University of Stellenbosch and when not looking after his precious gems in the cellar, he loves relaxing with a good bottle of Burgundy Pinot Noir, enjoyed with a fresh garden salad or gourmet cheeses. Nico and Christelle are parents of two girls called Nicola (5) and Lisa (2).
... and Generosity of Spirits.
THE ICON RANGE

The ultimate pride of our cellar! Eikendal' ultra premium wines from our Black Label range, are masterly crafted by innovative winemaker Nico Grobler, and include the estate’s flagship Bordeaux style red blend, *Classique*, as well as the Chardonnay.

These icon wines have an impressive history of outstanding results and ratings from a host of South African and international wine entities: Decanter, Wine Spectator, Veritas Awards (SA), Michelangelo Awards, Platter Guide (SA), WINE Magazine (SA) as well as numerous wine challenges in Sweden, China, Russia, Germany, Switzerland, Canada.
Wine is Art. It is Culture.
THE RESERVE RANGE

The acclaimed unwooded Chardonnay, Janina, named after the owners’ first granddaughter, teams up with a Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinotage, the Charisma (Shiraz | Petit Verdot & Sangiovese) and a Cabernet Sauvignon | Merlot blend in the Eikendal ‘Reserve’ Label range. The international and national wine awards & accolades for these super premium wines serve as testament of Eikendal’s commitment to high quality.
It is Essence of Civilisation...
THE PREMIUM RANGE

Eikendal’s ‘Premium Wine’ range unveils accessible quality blends at a good price. The smooth yet fruit-forward flavours of our Shiraz | Petit Verdot, Rosé Shiraz and Sauvignon Blanc | Chardonnay inspire easy, everyday drinking. Perfect for having a good time with friends, these wines are extremely popular in the ‘wine by the glass’ markets.
EIKENDAL VINEYARD - A WORTHWHILE POINT OF CALL

Eikendal’s modernised tasting facility and friendly team, provide you with ideal opportunity to sample the range of award winning wines. The spectacular landscape of the close-by Helderberg and the excellent quality of its wines make Eikendal a worthwhile point of call whilst visiting the area. Eikendal is less than a 40-minute relaxing drive from the city centre of Cape Town, or 30 minutes from the international airport.
EIKENDAL LODGE – AS BREATHTAKING AFRICAN SUNSETS!

For the ultimate escape & rejuvenation, Eikendal Lodge, nestled amidst prized vineyards and a working winery near Stellenbosch, offers an idyllic Winelands retreat to recharge the senses. From the moment you walk into our beautiful Lodge, you’ll note the special care that has gone into creating a heaven of tranquility and a home away from home! Each visitor is offered a true escape from everyday Jaded city dwellers and travelling guests alike find comfort in this unsung jewel, comprising nine luxuriously furnished, spacious en-suite rooms. Each room boasts a private balcony, and while sipping a glass of home-grown Eikendal wine, you are surrounded by ‘royalty’ with all the noble cultivars at your doorstep.

Guests can indulge in a laid-back al fresco breakfast with the majestic Helderberg as backdrop, and set foot for a hiking trail through the luscious vineyards on our estate.

Eikendal Lodge sets itself apart with its unique, serene setting, luring with the best of both worlds with daily wine tastings and enlightening tours through the renowned Eikendal cellar.

Nobody will leave here without a feeling of genuine African hospitality, as well as a sense of ownership and exceptional service!
FLY FISHING

Eikendal Vineyards and Flywaters is casting a fresh spin on the ever-popular pastime of fly fishing in the heart of the Helderberg Winelands. Eikendal’s two dams are stocked with all the popular angling species. We sport a fully-equipped fly fishing store on the farm to kit out visitors for a spur of the moment, laid-back afternoon on the water’s edge with no hassle.

Flywaters can also hook you up on a Fly Fishing Safari to other hotspots within the Western Cape. For more information at the special fly fishing courses hosted at Eikendal Estate contact Philip Meyer on:

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CHEETHA OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Eikendal has made land available to a group of hand-raised cheetahs in the care of the Cheetah Outreach Programme. Learn more about these incredible cats and Anatolian Shepherd Guarding Dog Project from a distance, or get up close and personal and even step inside an enclosure.

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