



BONNIEVALE



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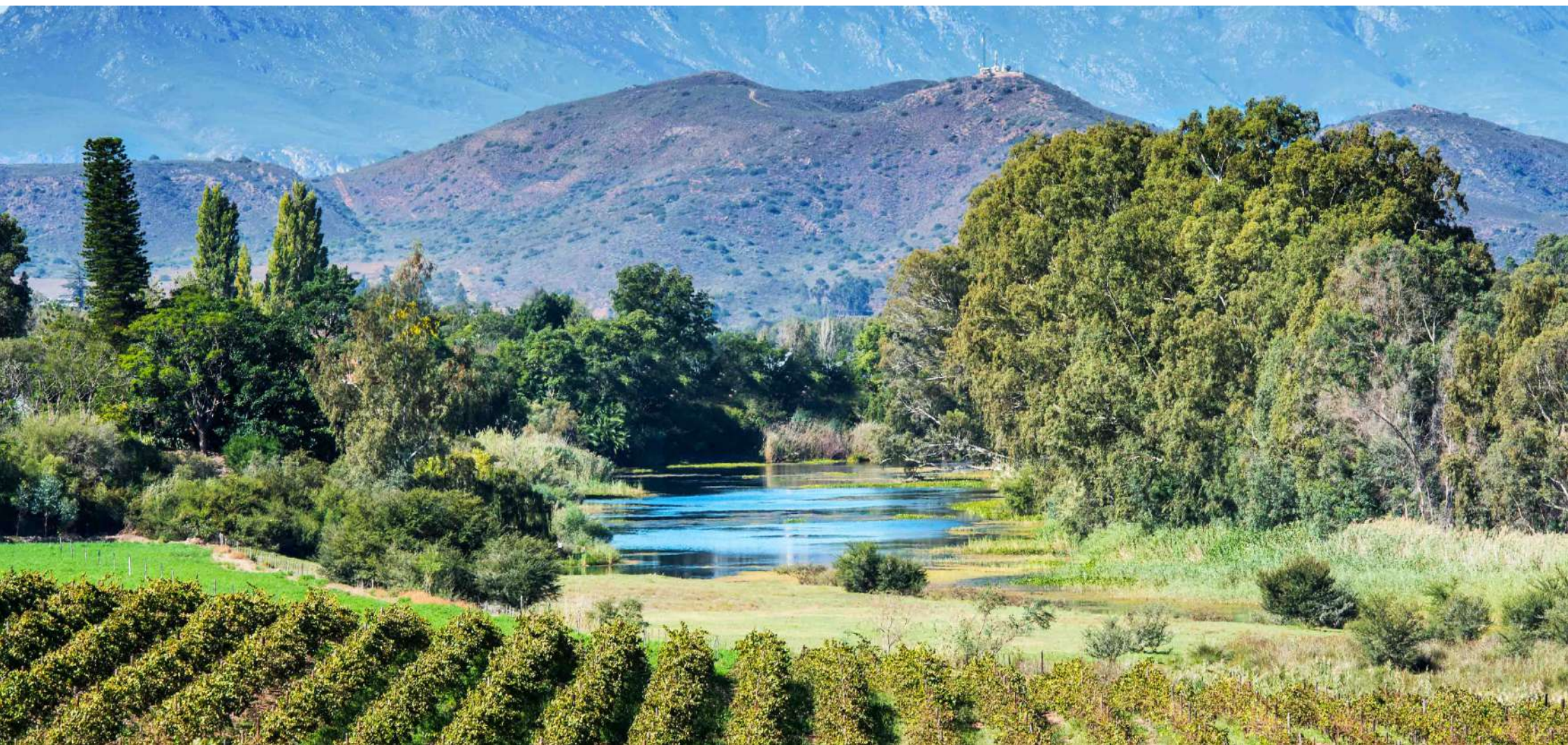
OUR HISTORY

Bonnievale Wines gets its name from the town founded at the turn of the 19th century by visionary Scotsman Christopher Forrest Rigg. Applying his home dialect in baptizing the "beautiful valley", Rigg also established the water canals that unlocked the agricultural potential he foresaw and so secured the roots of our community.



LOCATION

Bonnievale is situated in the Western Cape, some 150km due east from Cape Town and almost midway between Robertson and Swellendam. The winery is located on the banks of the Breede River, in a fertile valley created by the Riviersonderend and Langeberg Mountains that has a long association with excellent dairy, fruit and wine grape farming.



OUR PHILOSOPHY

Built on a foundation of respect and collaboration, our philosophy finds strength in working together – as a team and with nature. Here, we meticulously produce and select the very best grapes from what nature and the vintage has to offer. The result is a portfolio of balanced, consistent wines with classic varietal character that complement and enhance lifestyle occasions.





OUR WINE OF ORIGIN STORY

Our wines carry independent certification that guarantees that what's in the bottle can be traced to our vineyards. The seal Wine of Origin: Bonnievale is a proud declaration of quality provided by farming families with deep, multi-generational understanding of this unique landscape and climate; and, a broad palette of vineyards from which we're able to select our grapes. These vineyards thrive in diverse soil types – among them, large pockets of decomposed granite, red loam and limestone and rich alluvial deposits. The Bonnievale ward lies just a short distance from the coast, source of cool ocean air during ripening season and essential for the slow development of flavourful fruit.



OUR PEOPLE

The task of crafting wines bearing the Bonnievale name is undertaken by a talented and experienced team. While each member has his field of responsibility, every wine is shaped through a joint, comprehensive, and meticulous panel evaluation. This team includes Jean Slabber, who spent time in California's Napa Valley, one of the world's most prized winemaking regions, before joining Bonnievale Wines. Similarly, Chris van Reenen worked in Napa as well as some of South Africa's premier regions before settling in Bonnievale. Eddie Mathambo was born here and started as cellar hand, working and training his way up to the position of winemaker. Tinus le Roux's career began as a conservationist but quickly deviated into wine, where his insights have become invaluable. Finally, wine production manager Marthinus Rademeyer's international experience as a winemaker has seen him work at wineries in amongst others, California and in St. Emillion, France. He joined the Bonnievale team in 2009.



OUR WINES

Our wines are expressions of their unique provenance, ensured by the lightest touch in ushering the best fruit from the vine to bottle. The portfolio comprises:



- The River Collection, medium to full-bodied wines that are textural, motivated by fruit character, pair well with food and include wood maturation for the red varieties;



- The Vale Sparkling range, wines in a slightly drier style that express varietal fruit character and are easy to enjoy;



- Limited Release, reserved for our finest wines; and



- Nature, easy-drinking, fresh and fruit-driven wines for everyday enjoyment.



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