



Located beneath the slopes of the Franschhoek mountains, this unique property in SA's "French quarter" lies in the heart of the Cape winelands, a short drive from some of the region's most iconic wineries and eateries. It's a majestic setting – and rest assured, you'll be treated like royalty during your stay.

Surrounded by orchards and vineyards, the hotel's a quirky architectural mélange combining elements of Tuscan villa, Spanish hacienda and Cape farmhouse. It boasts 11 luxury suites and five family-friendly private villas, all lavishly decorated with a bold mix of Persian rugs, crystal chandeliers, eclectic antiques, contemporary art and fresh flowers. Each room is a Rococo-inspired fantasy with subtle Oriental features. The bathrooms, with their gilt mirrors and chandeliers, are the perfect place to languish on a chaise-longue sipping locally produced Méthode Cap Classique. This is opulence with a capital "O". Sir Elton John, after whom a suite is named, is a fan.



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ROCOCO RHAPSODY

By Kayang Gagiano

La Residence

In the mood to channel your inner King Louis XVI or Queen Marie Antoinette? Look no further than La Residence, a multiple-award-winning, five-star boutique hotel

Private balconies and terraces offer splendid views of craggy mountains, dams, orchards and olive groves. Resident peacocks preen and springbok gambol. There's a gorgeous infinity pool, a "Persian Alley" al fresco dining terrace-cum-lounge (perfect for post-prandial naps), gym facilities and an excellent spa. Therapists work their magic in this intimate, tranquil setting, as well as offering in-room treatments. A relaxing massage after a hard day's sightseeing or long-haul flight ticks all the boxes.

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Dining at the hotel is an absolute pleasure. Playful, inventive menus pair dishes prepared under the watchful eye of Executive Chef Lennard Marais with fresh, seasonal produce (much of it sourced from the estate's own kitchen garden) with local wines. A baronial setting, impeccable service, the opportunity to request bespoke dishes and small touches like sampling the estate's Rosé, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon wines, fragrant Frantoio olive oil and fruit preserves amount to a memorable sensory experience.

Fabulously "through the looking glass" as its decor and setting may be, what truly distinguishes this hotel is its service. To a man, staff members achieve a fine balance between attentiveness and discretion. From the fresh bouquet and glass of estate wine you're given upon arrival to the drawn bubble bath you return to after a night out, the team go all-out to pamper.



While the lilies may come gilded at La Residence, it's hard not to be seduced by its near-sinful luxury.

RATES: These vary, depending on the season, but include a full breakfast. Full-board options are also available, upon request.
PEAK SEASON
Suites: From R5 000 pp per night.
Entire hotel (11 suites): R104 200 per night.
Vineyard Suites: From R10 700 per night (for two).
All five Vineyard Suites (sleeping 16-20 adults and four children): R67 600 per night.

GETTING THERE: Approximately 70km (one hour's drive) from Cape Town International Airport. Road transfers arranged upon request. Elandskloof Rd, Franschhoek.
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