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16–18 October 2026 Stellenbosch, South Africa

41st AIDV Annual Conference

Lanzerac Wine Estate
Cellar Hall, Lanzerac Road, Stellenbosch





South Africa's Historic Wine
& Cultural Heartland

Welcome to Stellenbosch

There are places that impress you, and then there are places that quietly settle into your soul.

Stellenbosch lies in the heart of South Africa's Cape Winelands, beneath dramatic mountain peaks and among endless rows of vineyards. A short drive from Cape Town International Airport, it feels worlds away from the rush of everyday life — a place where old-world charm meets modern sophistication without any effort at all.

By October, the Winelands are awakening into spring. Vineyards glow green beneath clear skies, wildflowers bloom across the countryside, and long golden afternoons invite visitors to linger over lunch, wine, and conversation. The air feels lighter here. Time slows beneath the shade of centuries-old oaks.

What makes Stellenbosch unforgettable is not only its scenery, wine, or cuisine — it is the feeling the town leaves with you. The warmth of its people. The ease of conversation over a shared bottle. The tension between history and innovation. The sense that life here is meant to be savoured.

For visitors arriving from around the world, Stellenbosch offers more than a destination — it offers an experience. One filled with beauty, flavour, culture, and discovery. By the time you leave, a small part of your heart will remain beneath those oaks and mountain skies.



The wine region

The wine-growing heritage of Stellenbosch is woven into the town's history, landscape, and identity.

Widely regarded as the heart of South African wine, the region combines centuries of tradition with world-class innovation, producing wines that are celebrated around the globe.

Surrounded by dramatic mountain ranges and nourished by the cooling influence of False Bay, Stellenbosch is home to an extraordinary diversity of vineyards. Rolling hills, sheltered valleys, and varied elevations create a mosaic of microclimates, allowing an exceptional range of grape varieties to flourish, each expressing its own distinctive sense of place.

Cabernet Sauvignon has become the region's signature variety, producing elegant, structured wines that have earned international acclaim, often blended with Merlot. Alongside these celebrated reds, Stellenbosch is equally renowned for outstanding Chenin Blanc and Shiraz, while also holding a unique place in wine history as the birthplace of Pinotage - South Africa's iconic grape variety first developed here in 1924.

The region's granite- and sandstone-derived soils, enriched with clay, provide excellent drainage while retaining sufficient moisture to sustain healthy vines through the warm, dry summers. Afternoon sea breezes temper the climate, preserving freshness and balance in the grapes and contributing to the complexity and character for which Stellenbosch wines are renowned.

Established in 1679 on the banks of the Eerste River, Stellenbosch is South Africa's second-oldest town and has been at the centre of the country's wine industry for more than three centuries. Today, its historic estates, oak-lined streets and vibrant culinary scene continue to attract visitors from around the world, offering an experience where exceptional wine, warm hospitality and rich heritage come together.

For wine lovers and industry professionals alike, Stellenbosch offers far more than outstanding vintages. It is a destination where history and innovation coexist, where spectacular landscapes frame every vineyard, and where each glass tells the story of one of the world's most distinctive wine regions.



Interesting Fact

South Africa's winemaking heritage dates back more than 360 years, and the Cape Winelands have produced some of the world's most celebrated wines. Among them is Vin de Constance, the legendary sweet wine of Klein Constantia, once enjoyed by Napoleon Bonaparte and Jane Austen. Today, Stellenbosch continues that legacy as one of the world's premier wine destinations.



FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2026

08:00 am	Registration
08:30 am	Welcome speeches
09:00 am – 10:30 am	SESSION 1 The neo prohibitionists – health and alcohol Chairman: Ik Hyun Seo Speakers: Justin McGuirk, Guillaume Marchais & David Morfesi
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Coffee Break
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	SESSION 2 Transnational and Homonymous GIs – (e.g. Irish whiskey, Jenever, Tokaj & Pisco) Chairman: Paolo Veronesi Speakers: Olivier Vrins & Latha Nair
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Lunch
1:45 pm – 3:15 pm	SESSION 3 Politics - countries which refuse to register or protect wine GIs and what can one do to protect GIs in such countries Chairman: Diane de Valbray Speakers: Marie-Anne Humbert Genand, Kathryn Thornton & Marius Schneider
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Coffee Break
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	SESSION 4 Legal issues arising from new challenges - Gaining protection through FTAs? Chairman: Diego Saluzzo Speakers: Vicki Wayne, Olivier Jean-Levesque & Nigel Urwin
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	AIDV General Assembly

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026

09:00 am – 10:30 am **SESSION 5**

The legal problems of social media and wine, influencers, personalities and wine marketing

Chairman: Jose Juan Mendez

Speakers: Alex Mau, Carol Nyahasha & Johan Lindblad

10:30 am – 10:45 am Coffee Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm **SESSION 6**

General

- Product authentication
- Legal issues with wine sector investments
- No- low-alcohol wines

Chairman: Nicholas Bergman

Speakers: Product authentication – David Broodryk

Legal issues with wine sector investments – Elene Totibadze

No- low-alcohol wines – Bennett Caplan

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm Lunch

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm **SESSION 7**

Naming new vine/grape varieties – legal issues

Chairman: Gregory Turchet

Speakers: Joel Smith, Nicola Lucifero & Alkistsis-Irene Malamis

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm Coffee Break

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm **SESSION 8**

Planting for the future: Preserving heritage and creating value with Certified Heritage Vineyards.

Chairman: Eben van Wyk

Speakers: Cathy van Zyl MW, Rosa Kruger & Dominic Farnsworth MW

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Wine tasting of certified old vine wines

5:30 pm End of Scientific Conference

General Information

Congress venue

Cellar Hall, Lanzerac Wine Estate

Lanzerac Road, Stellenbosch, South Africa

Transport to and from Congress venue

The AIDV will provide transport from the town centre of Stellenbosch, a short drive of about 15 minutes.

The bus will depart from Moederkerk Church at 5 Drostdy Street to the Congress venue at 07:30 am on Friday, 16 October 2026 and 08:15 am on Saturday, 17 October 2026.

If you want to make use of this shuttle, please book accommodation which is 100-150m walking distance from the church.

Transportation will be provided for dinners on Friday, 16 October 2026 and Saturday, 17 October 2026. Please do not make use of any public transport in South Africa. Uber is a good option in Stellenbosch.

Accompanying persons

A specific tourist program has been organised for accompanying persons, as detailed below.

To participate in the social activities, accompanying persons must be registered and must pay the corresponding registration fees.

Lunches

Lunches are designed to give you time to meet friends and colleagues and will be served as a seated meal at Lanzerac Wine Estate.

Transport from Cape Town International Airport

Additional information about logistics will be sent to all attendees at a later date, which will include a list of recommended transport service providers for travel to and from Cape Town International Airport.

Staying in Cape Town Pre- or Post-Conference

If you are planning to visit Cape Town before or after the conference, we recommend booking accommodation within the V&A Waterfront precinct for convenience and ease of access to local attractions.

Social activities

Friday 16 October – 7:30 pm

Dinner at Cavalli Wine Estate.

Bus leaving at 19:00 pm in front of Moederkerk Church, Stellenbosch.



Saturday 17 October – 7:30 pm

Dinner at Laurent, Lourensford Wine Estate.

Bus leaving at 19:00 pm in front of Moederkerk Church, Stellenbosch.



Sunday 18 October – 09:00 am

Visit to Cape Town.

Enjoy a scenic drive around the Cape Peninsula and, weather permitting, a cable car experience to the top of Table Mountain. Experience a stunning view of Cape Town and the surrounding landscape.



Sunday 18 October – 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Lunch at Ernie Els Wine Estate.

Wine tasting and a relaxed, informal lunch at Ernie Els Wines, Stellenbosch. Bus leaving at 15:30 pm to Moederkerk Church, Stellenbosch.



Tourist activities for accompanying persons



Friday 16 October 2026

Stellenbosch walking tour, visit to the Rupert Museum, wine tasting at Waterford Wine Estate and lunch at SALT Restaurant

Starting at 09:30 am from Moederkerk Church in the town centre, we will join a walking tour where you will learn all about the history of the town, followed by a visit to the Rupert Museum – home to a superb collection of modern South African art from 1940 to the early 2000s. We will then enjoy a wine tasting at Waterford Estate followed by lunch at SALT restaurant.



Saturday 17 October 2026

Babylonstoren garden tour, lunch and KWV MCC and Macaroon tasting

The shuttle will depart from Moederkerk Church at 09:30 am, whisking you off to Babylonstoren Garden - a historic Cape Dutch farm garden in Franschhoek, renowned for its formal design and diverse plant collections. We will then travel to the multi-award winning KWV Wines for lunch followed by a macaroon and Methode Cap Classique pairing.

Hotel Reservation

We have reserved a limited number of rooms — some at preferential rates — at the hotels listed below. Please book directly with the hotel and mention that you are attending the AIDV Congress. Early booking is recommended.

You will find wine estate hotels, boutique guesthouses, historic manor houses, and tranquil countryside retreats - many with sweeping vineyard views and the kind of stillness that city life rarely allows. Whether you wake to mist rolling over the vineyards or watch the sunset from a mountain-facing terrace, staying here becomes part of the experience itself.

We have compiled the following list of our favourite Stellenbosch hotels, along with approximate pricing:

1. Lanzerac Hotel & Spa

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Accommodation Options and Rates:

12 x Classic Rooms

Single Rate – R8,820 (€460) pppn
(Bed and breakfast)

12 x Suites

Single Rate – R16,660 (€868) pppn
(Bed and breakfast)

Set in the heart of the idyllic Jonkershoek Valley, the historic Lanzerac Wine Estate offers a breathtaking escape where old-world Cape heritage seamlessly blends with modern, sophisticated luxury. Each of the rooms and suites serves as a private sanctuary, featuring welcoming interiors, plush bedding, and elegant finishes designed for ultimate comfort. Step outside your door to find manicured gardens and rolling vineyards framed by dramatic mountain peaks, or indulge in the estate's world-class amenities — including a premium spa, heated swimming pools, and top-tier dining.

2. Oude Werf

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Accommodation Options and Rates:

20 x rooms comprising the following:

Cosy room:	Single occupancy R5,223 (€272) per night	Double occupancy R5,773 (€300) per night
Comfy room:	Single occupancy R5,393 (€280) per night	Double occupancy R5,943 (€310) per night
Plenty room:	Single occupancy R5,993 (€312) per night	Double occupancy R6,543 (€340) per night

Rooms with free internet, an outdoor swimming pool, and fine dining on site. Air-conditioned throughout, with bathrooms featuring double basins, a separate bathtub, and complimentary toiletries. Each room has a seating area, satellite TV, and internet access. The pool is set within a quiet hotel garden.

3. River Manor Boutique Hotel

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Accommodation Options and Rates:

4 x Deluxe Rooms

R10,000 (€521) per room (single occupancy)

5 x Superior Rooms

R8,600 (€448) per room (single occupancy)

2 x Standard Rooms

R4,000 (€208) per room (single occupancy)

Two adjacent manor houses in the heart of historic Stellenbosch, within walking distance of the town's best-known attractions. Inviting lounges, sweeping staircases, elegantly appointed rooms, and wide patios create the atmosphere of a quieter era — one where time slows and guests are encouraged to linger.

Manicured gardens, cascading water features, fruit trees, and flowering shrubs surround a sparkling pool. River Manor Boutique Hotel offers a private oasis just minutes from Stellenbosch's restaurants, galleries and boutiques, and within easy reach of the region's finest wine estates.

4. Five Seasons Guest House

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Accommodation Options and Rates:

9 x Variously configured rooms and cottages

from R1 700-R2,000 pppn (€88-104)
(Bed and breakfast)

A stylish bed and breakfast down a quiet, jacaranda-lined back road, five minutes from the town centre. Individual suites and a charming cottage open onto a blooming garden and refreshing pool. Interiors are dressed in warm earth tones, with thoughtful touches and cosy bathrooms — creating a welcoming base for exploring the Winelands.

5. Kolonie's Tuin

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Accommodation Options and Rates:

6 x Double Rooms

R2,000 pppn (€104)
(Bed and breakfast)

Adults-only rooms with air-conditioning, private bathrooms, and views over the garden or pool. Each room includes a work desk, wardrobe, and free Wi-Fi. Guests can unwind on the sun terrace in the year-round pool or beneath the shade of the lush garden.

6. Van der Stel Manor

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Accommodation Options and Rates:

6 x Superior Rooms

Single Rate	Double Rate
R4,105.50ppn (€214)	R2,737.00ppn (€143)
(Bed and breakfast)	(Bed and breakfast)

A lovingly restored Cape Dutch homestead (1910), within walking distance of Stellenbosch's village centre and close to fine restaurants, wineries, and several golf courses. Rooms are individually decorated in fresh, elegant fabrics, each with a private patio and direct garden and pool access. Air-conditioning, television, internet, minibar, and a safe are all standard. Breakfast, and light meals with seasonal ingredients, are served beneath old trees in the garden.

7. De Hoek Manor

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Accommodation Options and Rates:

5 x Rooms

R4,200 (€219) per night
(Bed and Breakfast)

Five spacious en-suite bedrooms with hotel-grade mattresses and crisp white linen. All rooms offer free Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, and complimentary breakfast. The Garden Room (Room 5) is on the ground floor, ideal for guests who prefer easy access; the remaining four are upstairs (no elevator). To reserve the Garden Room, contact the hotel in advance to confirm availability.

8. Coopmanhuijs Boutique Hotel & Spa

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Accommodation Options and Rates:

4 x Classic Rooms	Single occupancy - R5,700 (€297) per night Double occupancy - R6,300 (€328) per night
1 x Deluxe Room	Single occupancy - R6,800 (€354) per night Double occupancy - R7,400 (€385) per night
4 x Standard Rooms	Single occupancy: R4,200 (€219) per night Double occupancy: R4,800 (€250) per night
1 x Petite Single Room	Single occupancy: R3,490 (€182) per night

A boutique gem where timeless elegance meets contemporary charm. Proclaimed a South African National Monument in 1978, Coopmanhuijs dates back to 1704; its neo-Georgian façade has stood since the late 19th century. In the heart of Stellenbosch, within easy walking distance of shops, galleries, museums, cafés, and restaurants.

9. Hemelberg Guest House

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Accommodation Options and Rates:

4 x Manor Houses	R1,800pppn (€94) (Bed and breakfast)
9 x Luxury Suites	R2,000pppn (€104) (Bed and breakfast)

A serene garden, spacious terrace, outdoor pool, and free Wi-Fi throughout. Rooms are air-conditioned and include streaming services, private bathrooms with complimentary toiletries, tea and coffee makers, and televisions. Free on-site parking is available.

10. Eendracht Hotel

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Accommodation Options and Rates:

Northern Rooms & Pool Rooms

Single occupancy – R1,948 (€103) per room, per night

Double occupancy – R1,213 (€64) per person, per night

Southern Rooms & Family Room

Single occupancy – R2,389 (€126) per room, per night

Double occupancy – R1,396 (€74) per person, per night

Extra person – R690 (€36) per person, per night

Junior Suite, Luxury Rooms

Single occupancy – R2,683 (€141) per room, per night

Double occupancy – R1,528 (€81) per person, per night

Situated in the historic Dorp Street in Stellenbosch, is the award winning Eendracht Hotel. Eendracht is a boutique hotel with the ambiance of a Stellenbosch house. This gem is within walking distance of all the main attractions, central to the Stellenbosch Wine Route, and less than half an hour's drive from more than 10 golf courses and an easy 30 min drive from the Cape Town International Airport. Immerse yourself in one of the 12 elegant rooms all ensuite. Enjoy a day out exploring the mountain biking and hiking trails in Stellenbosch or a relaxing day, visiting the many wine farms.

Post Conference

Safari Option:

Shamwari Private Game Reserve

A traditional wildlife safari is the quintessential South African experience, and you don't have to travel to the far north to find it. Shamwari Private Game Reserve offers an unparalleled encounter with Africa's most iconic wildlife. It is conveniently located in the Eastern Cape — making it the closest, premier malaria-free Big Five destination to Cape Town. Just a short flight from Cape Town to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) and a quick drive or shuttle later, you will find yourself in a vast, 25,000-hectare conservation paradise where lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and buffaloes roam freely.

To help you seamlessly add this bucket-list adventure to your itinerary, we have secured an exclusive 15% discount for conference guests, allowing you to experience Shamwari's world-class luxury lodges, expert-guided game drives, and pristine wilderness at an exceptional value. This post conference option is however not formally linked to or organised by the AIDV.

Choose Your Luxury Lodge Experience

Bayethe Luxury Tented Suites

A secluded, ultra-luxurious tented paradise immersed in the dense riverine bush, offering private plunge pools and ultimate tranquility. [Click here](#)

Sindile Premier Tented Camp

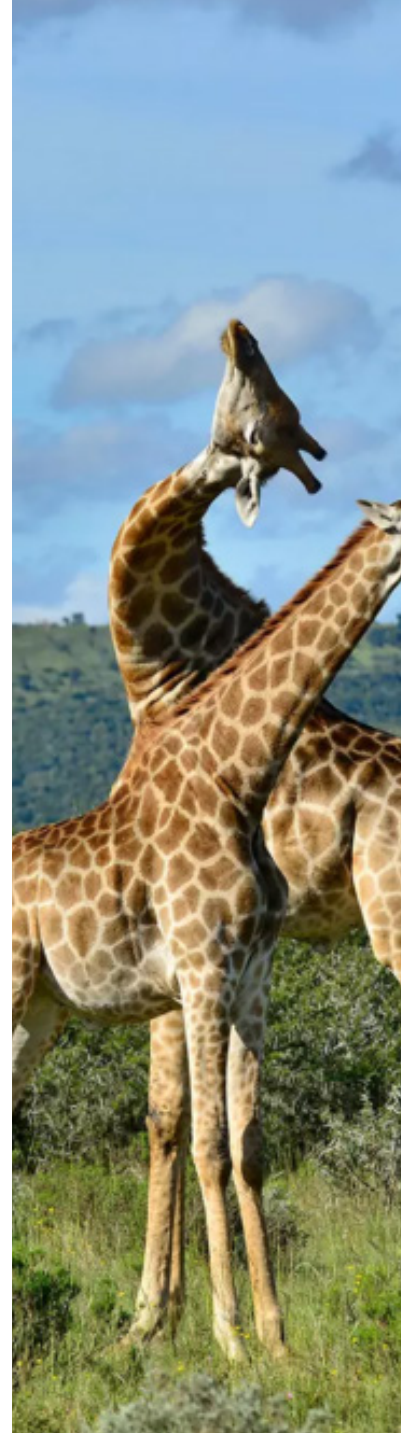
An elevated, boutique tented experience mimicking a solitary leopard's sanctuary, boasting sweeping views over the Bushman's River region. [Click here](#)

Eagles Crag Junior Suites

Nestled deep within a rugged canopy of cliffs, this lodge offers a refined, glass-and-stone architectural aesthetic focused on absolute privacy and serenity. [Click here](#)

Sarili Private Villa

An exclusive-use luxury oasis overlooking the Bushman's River, perfect for families or small groups traveling together. [Click here](#)



How to Book

You can explore the full range of available packages and amenities directly on the Shamwari Website.

To claim your exclusive 15% discount, please book directly with the reserve using [this link](#) and use our dedicated attendee code at checkout:

Conference Promo Code: AIDV Safari

More information

The above constitutes general information. If you have any specific questions or require further information at this stage, please email aidv@spoor.com



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