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About Hout Bay Vineyards

In 2001, Peter and Cathy began excavations for their dream house at the top of Grotto Way. It was hard work and Skoorsteenkop seemed reluctant to give up the immense boulders that had been strewn across its slopes for thousands of years. They planted their first vines in September of 2003 with the aim to produce their favourite beverage, bubbly! Sadly, just as the first grapes was about to be harvested herbicide was mistakenly used to spray the vines instead of Pesticide. The once luxuriant vineyard was gradually reduced to a field of dead grey vegetation. Three years of backbreaking work lay decaying at their feet. With steely resolve, Peter and Cathy ripped out all the vines and planted new ones.

With no harvest of their own expected for some time, they bought in grapes in 2004, The wine was made and laid down to 'bottle-ferment and rest' for three years.

A set back delayed the first harvest and as such the first grapes were harvested from their own vines in January 2008. The maiden vintage will be available in the summer of 2011.

The official opening of Hout Bay Vineyards was on 1 December 2007. The occasion marked the release of their 2004 bubbly. Hout Bay vineyards also formed alliance with other vineyards in the valley and their Sauvignon Blanc, made from grapes harvested at "Vineyard on Victoria" was also released on the same day. May 2008 marked the first winter open day which saw the release of their first Reds, a Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux style red blend.

Harvest time is a family affair at Hout Bay Vineyards with the kids, relatives and friends joining the festivities. Anyone interested may come along, help and have fun!

The wines from Hout Bay Vineyards are primarily available on open days but Peter and Cathy also accommodate those who have run low on stock at other times and welcome visits, tastings and sales by appointment only.

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