Unrivalled Escapes

"We created our brand pillars to offer an unrivalled escape for our guests. There is and will always be a sense of place wherever you go in the Leeu Collection. An inspiring art and sculpture collection; distinct architecture and design; spectacular views and breath-taking landscaping that reflects a connect with the location; superlative service with attention to the smallest detail; and a best in class food and wine experience in the locale."

– Analjit Singh, founder of the Leeu Collection

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Cover image: The Manor House, Leeu Estates

The Leeu Collection's hospitality portfolio comprises one five-star premium and two five-star boutique properties in South Africa's winelands: Leeu Estates, a five-star premium 23-room country house and boutique winery in the Franschhoek valley; Leeu House, an exclusive 12-room hotel in the heart of Franschhoek village; and Le Quartier Français, a romantic 25-room hotel, also located in the village. The first acquisition outside of South Africa was Linthwaite House, a 36-room country retreat overlooking Windermere in England's scenic Lake District, followed by a luxury hotel and pristine gardens in Florence, Italy, set to open in late 2022. Both the historic centre of Florence and the Lake District are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Leeu Collection has welcomed top chefs and their restaurants into our properties, to enhance the guest experience. The world-renowned and award-winning La Colombe team, offer a tantalising dining experience at La Petite Colombe on Leeu Estates, Protégé and Epice situated at Le Quartier Français. On Leeu Estates, world-acclaimed chef Darren Badenhorst pilots Le chêne in the Manor House, serving French-inspired dishes, and heads up the kitchen at Leeu House. At Linthwaite House, decorated Michelin Star chef Simon Rogan oversees Henrock.

In partnership with the talented husband-and-wife team behind the renowned wines produced on Roundstone Farm in the Swartland wine region and at Leeu Estates in Franschhoek. Mullineux & Leeu Family Wines offer immersive tastings at The Wine Studio on Leeu Estates.

In a collaboration with globally renowned spa and wellbeing brand Healing Earth, Leeu Spa by Healing Earth offers memorable, multi-sensory spa and wellbeing experiences to guests through unique and fully immersive holistic packages that go far beyond outer beauty to facilitate a harmonious connection between mind and body

Everard Read, the oldest commercial art gallery on the African continent, was established in 1913. Specialists in contemporary art from South Africa and the diaspora, have established their sixth gallery, Everard Read Franschhoek, adjacent to Le Quartier Français. The newest gallery at Leeu Estates augments the existing gallery in the high street of Franschhoek, showing monumental sculptures in the breath-taking fynbos and vineyards, as well as exhibiting important works by our artists in the purpose-built gallery on site.

Leeu Estates, Franschhoek, South Africa.

Leeu House, Franschhoek, South Africa.

Le Quartier Français, Franschhoek, South Africa.

Linthwaite House, Windermere, United Kingdom.

LEEU ESTATES

FRANSCHHOEK · SOUTH AFRICA

LEEU COLLECTION

The flagship property in the Leeu Collection, Leeu Estates is an exclusive hideaway and boutique winery ensconced in 100 pastoral hectares (247 acres) in the Franschhoek valley in the Cape Winelands. Four historic farms – Dieu Donné, Klein Dassenberg, Von Ortloff and Joyous Garde – were joined to create this premium five-star property. Leeu Estates' rich Cape Dutch architectural heritage has been meticulously restored, artfully blending old and new.

The exceptional interiors of the 19th-century Manor House are matched by the equally spectacular surrounding mountain panoramas. This 23 roomed boutique hotel boasts various luxury accommodation options that are equipped with the latest technology and Lemon verbena-scented amenities, which is the signature scent for Leeu Spa by Healing Earth.

Bokkie Garden

This beguiling space is known for its acclaimed sculpture, "Reflective Resonance", by talented artist Angus Taylor.

This bronze and granite group, now a local landmark, also features Diana, goddess of the forest and animals, with a small herd of springbuck, the country's national antelope, cast by sculptor Otto du Plessis.

(The word *bokkie*, or small buck, is also an Afrikaans term of endearment.)

PETITE

LA COLOMBE

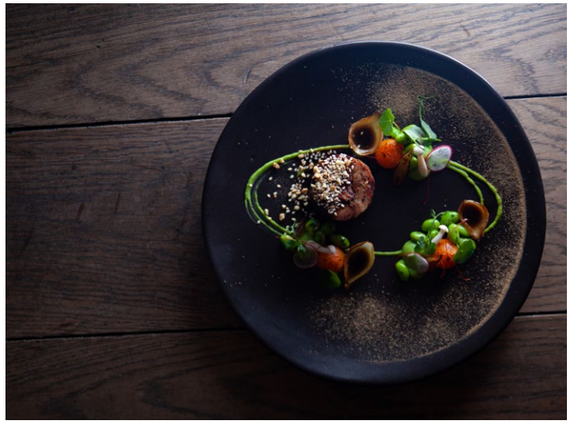
Presenting an equally unmatched dining experience to its counterpart, La Colombe restaurant in Silvermist Estate in Constantia, La Petite Colombe on Leeu Estates is run by the talented team led by celebrity chef Scot Kitron and James Gaag, head chef at La Petite Colombe.

Visitors to the epicurean valley of Franschhoek can now look forward to experiencing the same level of service excellence and exquisite cuisine that put La Colombe on the map.

Le chêne

By Darren Badenhorst

Multiple award-winning chef Darren Badenhorst, well-known as the chef-patron of Le coin Français, heads up Le chêne (The Oak) in The Manor House at Leeu Estates. The restaurant serves French-inspired dishes made from local produce. Both the name and concept of this dining experience acknowledge Franschhoek's history.



Mullineux & Leeu

FAMILY WINES

The Leeu Collection's founder, Analjit Singh (aka BAS), is a partner in Mullineux & Leeu Family Wines with Chris and Andrea Mullineux, who are the talented husband-and-wife team behind these renowned wines produced on Roundstone Farm in the Swartland wine region and at Leeu Estates in Franschhoek.

Since its launch in 2007, Chris and Andrea have notched up 32 five-star wine ratings from *Platter's South African Wine Guide*, the most influential wine guide in the country.

2014 Mullineux was named Platter's South African "Winery of the Year"

2016 Mullineux was named Platter's South African "Winery of the Year"

US publication, *Wine Enthusiast*, named Andrea Mullineux its 2016 Wine Star "International Winemaker of the Year".

2017 Tim Atkin awarded Chris & Andrea Mullineux "South African Winemakers of the Year"

2019 Mullineux was named Platter's South African "Winery of the Year"

US *Wine & Spirits* magazine placed them in the Top 100 Wineries of the year.

2020 Mullineux was named Platter's South African "Winery of the Year"

The Wine studio on Leeu Estates has three tutored tastings on offer: Signature tasting (one complimentary tasting per guest when staying at any of the Leeu Collection properties in South Afrcia), Single Terroir and Leeu Passant tastings.

Patrons at any of our partnered restaurants within the Leeu Collection, have the opportunity to enjoy any of these wines that feature on the wine lists.

The Wine Studio entrance view of Bokkie Garden

INDABA THE MEETING PLACE

Indaba – The Meeting Place at Leeu Estates is a state-of-the-art multipurpose event and meeting venue available for all in-house Leeu Collection guests. The light-filled space, with its open roof trusses, tall windows, timber floors and natural finishes, perfectly complements the collection of art and sculptures.

The well-appointed venue can accommodate up to 60 guests (cocktail) both inside and on the terrace, overlooking the beautiful valley and mountain landscape, for a variety of private parties, exhibitions and product launches.

Press briefings, seminars, business meetings and management think tank sessions for up to 20 guests can be accommodated in boardroom, schoolroom or U-shaped seating. Cinema seating can accommodate up to 60 guests. Indaba, which is 140 square metres (1 510 square feet) in size and has its own lift, boasts audio and video conferencing equipment, a 203-centimetre (80-inch) television screen and high-speed Wi-Fi. Catering for Indaba is done by the Le chêne culinary team.

Leeu Spa by Healing Earth - Plunge Pool - Leeu Estates, Franschhoek

LEEU SPA

BY HEALING EARTH

Set among the vineyards, Leeu Spa by Healing Earth is an immersive wellness sanctuary that offers holistic treatments and experiences by expert therapists. The tailor-made offerings are inspired by Africa's rich natural resources, with a unique focus on the myriad therapeutic benefits of South Africa's unique Pinotage grape. Pure and premium natural products from leading holistic wellness brand Healing Earth are used in the memorable treatments.

Leeu Spa is equipped with changing rooms, five treatment rooms, including a premium suite, three couple's treatment rooms, one single treatment room and a hair and nail salon which are complemented by a plunge pool overlooking a lily pond. Inhouse guests can descend through a courtyard to the relaxation area or the large infinity pool fringed by vines. For active fitness-oriented guests, there is an impressive gym with TechnoGym equipment.

LEEU HOUSE

FRANSCHHOEK · SOUTH AFRICA

LEEU COLLECTION

Sculptures of two iconic figures, Gandhi and Mandela, which grace the front garden of Leeu House in Franschhoek's main street, have acquired landmark status in the village.

Residents can opt for relaxed all-day dining in The Conservatory or al fresco on the terrace overlooking the large swimming pool and mountain backdrop. Chilly weather calls for settling in the lounge with its cosy fireplace.

This 12-room boutique hotel retains the feel of a country guesthouse where travellers find a luxurious oasis with hospitality to match. Interiors are stylish and soothing, enhanced with contemporary art and sculptures, yet equipped with up-to-the-minute technology.

LE QUARTIER FRANÇAIS

FRANSCHHOEK · SOUTH AFRICA

LEEU COLLECTION

Long established and well loved, this romantic auberge is centrally situated yet secluded, offering guests a scented garden, oval swimming pool and every guest enjoys the attention to detail that is key to the service philosophy.

VALENTINO

PROTÉGÉ

Le Quartier Français is home to two restaurants under the guidance of the La Colombe team.

Protégé, a casual-style eatery, recognises talented young chefs and provides them with an opportunity to put themselves on the map. The restaurant offers an experience that the locals can call "home". The fresh seasonal menu is based on an à la carte offering created by a series of talented young chefs, where guests are free to select as many or as few courses as they desire.

EPICE

Inspired by spice, Epice - derived from the French word Épice meaning spice (and is pronounced eh-peace), is an intimate fine dining restaurant. The menu features an array of delectably flavour-packed curated dishes, inspired by the team's culinary expedition to India, as well as memories of travels through Spain, Japan, Mexico, Denmark and the United States.

EVERARDREAD GALLERIES

There are two Everard Read galleries in Franschhoek: Everard Read Franschhoek, adjacent to Le Quartier Français, (where the monumental works are interspersed with herbs and vegetables, the first of its kind in South Africa), and the latest offering, Everard Read Leeu Estates on the flagship property of Leeu Collection, namely Leeu Estates, where the space serves as a gallery and sculpture park. The focus is on showing monumental sculpture amongst the breath-taking fynbos and vineyards of Leeu Estates, as well as exhibiting important works by our artists in the superb purpose-built gallery on site.

The galleries bring the finest contemporary art to the winelands and present a year-round programme of solo and group exhibitions.

Everard Read Gallery - Leeu Estates - Photographer - Mike Hall

LINTHWAITE HOUSE

LAKE DISTRICT · UNITED KINGDOM

LEEU COLLECTION

Set in the heart of England's scenic Lake District (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Leeu Collection's first UK property, Linthwaite House, dreams on from its hilltop setting overlooking Windermere.

Surrounded by gardens, woodland and a tarn with its own summerhouse, this country retreat is an idyllic proposal venue and the first choice for those wanting to escape to the fells and sparkling waters of the Lake District.

Hiking, croquet, row boats and boules await visitors, along with Henrock by Michelin starred chef Simon Rogan (where the team create a frequently changing à la carte menu inspired by the chefs' travels around the world and which also utilises local ingredients) and The Bar & Conservatory, which offers an all-day dining menu and an afternoon tea selection second to none.

HENROCK

Henrock at Linthwaite House is overseen by Michelin-starred chef Simon Rogan, who has five restaurants in the UK and holds three Michelin stars between them.

With stunning views over Linthwaite's immaculately landscaped gardens, Henrock showcases natural, perfectly seasonal ingredients in a relaxed and elegant setting. The restaurant is named after Hen Holme (a rocky outcrop protruding from Windermere that is often visible from the terrace of Linthwaite House).

In a step away from Simon's other restaurants, where the focus is loyally and deeply rooted in British cooking and ingredients, Henrock leans heavily on influences, techniques and produce discovered on the chefs' travels around the globe with a menu comprising small sharing plates.

the BAR & conservatory LINTHWAITE HOUSE

Henrock's perennially popular light-filled Bar & Conservatory, with outstanding views of Windermere, offers handcrafted cocktails, an all-day dining menu and a selection of afternoon teas.

LEEU VILLA QUERCE

FLORENCE · ITALY

LEEU COLLECTION

The former Collegio Alla Querce in Florence, Italy, is being transformed into a luxury hotel and pristine gardens (opening late 2022).

Florence, with its distinctive medieval skyline, is the capital city of the Tuscany region. Known as the 'cradle of the Renaissance', the city is noted for its art, architecture, monuments and museums. The historic centre of the city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Florence is only a short drive from the undulating hills of the Chianti countryside, home to many well known wineries.

This latest Leeu Collection property will be a 5-star luxury city resort with 82 rooms and suites, bars, restaurants, event halls (including a chapel, a theatre and multipurpose rooms), spa, indoor and outdoor pools, extensive lobbies and public areas, gardens (1.1 hectares) and parking facilities.

Giving Back

Leeu Collection is passionate and dedicated to giving back to the community through education. This passion and drive is currently being realised through two main projects that are running within Franschhoek, South Africa:

Leeu Learning centre which officially opened on February 1, 2019 at the Franschhoek Valley Community Sport centre, which was established by Hope Through Action in 2015. The Leeu Collection identified the need for a center where young Children and youth of the Franschhoek valley could access free quality online education: an essential component in qualifying for employment in the 21st century. Embracing the fourth industrial revolution through digital prowess will play an important role, one that now forms a core part of the learning center's facilities and resources.

Secondly the hospitality portfolio also continues to support the Franschhoek-based Kusasa Project Early Learning Centre, a school for 120 disadvantaged children.

LEEUSCAPES

The gardens or 'Leeuscapes' at the Leeu Collection properties have been stylishly and meticulously landscaped. Founder Analjit Singh (aka BAS), a keen gardener and observer of plants around the globe, has a preference for order and symmetry, and the serenity this brings to a garden.

LEEUART

"Art is not only a pillar of the Leeu Collection, it is a passion and as important as food, wine, or sense of place. It enhances the aesthetic component that guests expect when booking into a five-star destination property." – Analjit Singh, founder of the Leeu Collection.

GHANDI

ARTIST
ANTON MOMBERG

MEDIUM
BRONZE

LOCATION
LEEU HOUSE

SIZE
190,5cm x 90,1cm

TERRA INCOGNITO 315, 2012

ARTIST
JAMES MOONEY

MEDIUM
OIL ON BOARD

LOCATION
LEEU HOUSE

SIZE
83cm x 112cm

REFLECTIVE RESONANCE

ARTIST NAME
ANGUS TAYLOR

MEDIUM
BRONZE

LOCATION
LEEU ESTATES

SIZE
2 030cm x 250,4cm x 2 220cm

#LEEULOCALLYGROWN

In August 2019, the Leeu edible garden initiative was started. Under the guidance of Christine Stevens, a series of vegetable, herb and fruit gardens were planted on the Leeu estate in Franschhoek to supply the restaurants, hotel and spa. All the produce on the property is grown following natural farming principles, no pesticides or herbicides are used to ensure the finest tastiest vegetables and herbs are available for the chefs.

Carefully selected heirloom seeds have been sourced and planted in the gardens and the enclosed temperature-controlled tunnel to ensure the restaurants and hotel have access to the freshest seasonal produce. Whether it be strawberries, heritage tomatoes, or baskets of herbs, each morning fresh seasonal produce is harvested and sent immediately to the kitchens.

Seeds from the most popular vegetables are saved for future seasons and all waste is composted to ensure the gardens are sustainable as possible.

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