



# VAL DE VIE ESTATE

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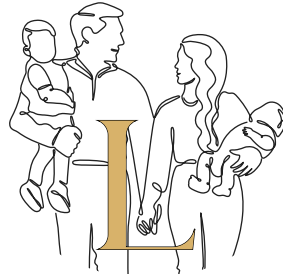
- There are over 500 rose bushes adorning the streets of the Estate;
- Duiker, porcupine, Cape grey mongoose, scrub hare, Cape fox, common genet, Cape polecat, Cape ground squirrels and Cape clawless otter roam free on the Estate;
- Val de Vie Estate, in conjunction with Cape Nature, established a 3-hectare **wildlife reserve area** that is home to a herd of springbok, zebra and Cape grysbok;
- More than 175 bird species inhabit the Estate, including spotted eagle owl, fish eagle, barn owl, jackal buzzard, booted eagle and yellow-billed kite;
- There are twenty lakes and large waterways (some previously used as quarries) now rich with fish, geese, freshwater crabs, small amphibians and insect life;
- There are two families of Cape clawless otter that live on Val de Vie Estate, they are both nocturnal and diurnal and mostly feed off the crabs and rodents in and around the lakes;
- There are over 15 different dragonflies and damselflies that reside around the waterways;
- The Estate boasts 300 hectares of parks, fynbos and wildlife reserves, farms and lakes as well as a bio-diversity corridor of 40 hectares;
- 7km of the Berg River flows alongside the Estate and supplies the Estate with much of its irrigation and natural beauty, offering beautiful locations to enjoy as picnic spots, fishing spots or to spend an afternoon basking in the tranquillity of the surroundings;



- With 64 stables at the **Val de Vie stable yard** and two standard and one large lunging arena, 42 stables at the **Pearl Valley Equestrian Centre** and spacious grass paddocks for all livery clients, there are plenty of benefits available to give our horses the highest quality of life and care;
- Competitive and schooling riders can enjoy riding in the sand/ fibre show jumping and dressage arena at the Val de Vie Equestrian Club, which is equipped with a full set of jumping furniture. The Pearl Valley Equestrian Centre has a fenced dressage arena, lunge ring and two large jumping and flatwork grass arenas suitable for schooling or leisure riding;
- All equestrian disciplines are welcome and accommodated for at Val de Vie Estate with large areas and adequate surfaces;
- The **Val de Vie Polo Club** and coach Kevin Rixon offer a professional yet friendly environment to explore, enjoy and improve your polo skills. Using innovative coaching techniques and well-trained ponies, even beginner riders can enjoy the excitement, camaraderie and exhilaration of polo, from their very first lesson;
- **Polo facilities** on Val de Vie Estate include two Hurlingham standard Polo Fields, one multipurpose sports field and a “stick and ball” field next to the sand-fibre arena.



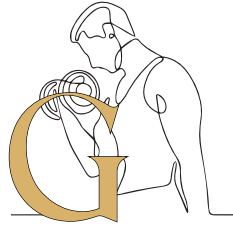
- There are over 1000 hectares within the Estate's perimeter fence patrolled **24/7 by Thorburn Security**;
- Val de Vie Estate has six main access points. These points provide entrance via 40 vehicle access and exit lanes and turnstiles for residents and contract workers. Strict access control measures are in place at these points and each point is monitored with an array of cameras;
- Val de Vie Estate was one of the first estates in South Africa to implement biometric-access control measures, allowing for tracking of entrance and exit, and movement of persons through the different areas of the Estate;
- Residents are safeguarded from unauthorised visitors via automated booms that control access to residential villages;
- License plate recognition technology is linked to the central Western Cape database and of great value in monitoring suspicious vehicle activity.



## LIFE ON THE ESTATE

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- There is both a pre-school (**Kinder Ark**) and a retirement village (**Val de Vie Evergreen**) in the Valley of Life;
- Life at **Val de Vie Evergreen** is the start of a new and exciting chapter for individuals over the age of 65;
- Kinder Ark: Their state-of-the-art premises lies in the heart of the Estate and can accommodate 140 children. Through play-based, child-centred education children are taught life's most valuable principles and encouraged to be themselves;
- The Val de Vie **Berg River Bridge** is the largest private bridge of its scale in South Africa;
- Residents can enjoy over **42kms of walking, mountain bike, running and horse-riding trails** throughout the Estate;
- The Paarl Franschhoek Valley has had an average of 580mm of rainfall every year since 2015;
- Val de Vie Estate is a paradise for young families offering safety and security while being in close vicinity to some of the **top schools** in the country, namely Bridge House School, Paarl Boys' Primary and High School, Paarl Gimnasium and La Rochelle Girls' High School;
- 1000 hectares of spacious surroundings on the Estate offer a true country-style way of living.
- Wellness Farm (first of its kind in a residential estate)



## GYMS & OTHER FACILITIES

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- There are three main **fitness hubs** on the Estate namely The Yard Wellness Centre, The Sports & Leisure Centre and Pearl Valley Clubhouse;
- **The Sports & Leisure Centre** boasts two squash courts, two floodlit tennis courts, a 25m heated indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room as well as a yoga and Pilates studio;
- **The Yard Wellness centre** is surrounded by a running track and overlooks the 50m Olympic size swimming pool. The premier FitLife 1000m<sup>2</sup> fitness facility opens its doors onto green grass perfect for outdoor exercises and classes. There are also cricket nets, multipurpose courts, a Padel tennis court and a lawn bowls facility;
- **Pearl Valley wellness facilities** include a fully equipped gym, recreational swimming pool, outdoor gym, two tennis courts and cricket nets;
- There are a number of classes available on the Estate ranging from Indoor Cycling classes, Pilates, FIT45 classes and Zumba.



## FOOD & WINE EXPERIENCES

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- Val de Vie Estate offers an array of different food and beverage experiences from the sophisticated **Polo Pavilion** to the authentic **L'Huguenot wine cellar**.
- Residents and guests wanting to dine at Val de Vie Estate can choose from five restaurants on the Estate: **The Polo Pavillion by Back's**, **The Valley Restaurant and Sela Vie**;
- Overlooking the majestic green Val de Vie Estate Polo Field, **The Polo Pavillion by Back's** offers a Bistro style dining experience with generous, comfort food, influenced by French, Mediterranean and local flavours. All ingredients are sourced from well-known Fairview farm in Paarl and other local suppliers;
- Situated at The Yard on Val de Vie Estate, **Sela Vie restaurant** is a beautiful chic dining experience with a passion in celebrating life with the love of good food, community and service excellence;
- Whether enjoying breakfast, lunch, dinner or hosting an after-golf prize-giving, **The Valley Restaurant** is a fine choice. Seating up to 140 guests, with large windows leading onto sprawling terraces, the venue is renowned for spectacular views over our manicured Pearl Valley Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course and the towering Simonsberg mountains;
- The **Back's Deli** at the **Polo Pavilion by Back's** offers freshly baked breads, a wide variety of cheeses, fresh fruit and vegetable and much more. The Back's Deli is adjacent to the **Fleet Coffee Roastery** making it the perfect spot for your daily pick-me-up while stocking up on local produce.
- The **Village Deli** at Val de Vie Estate is stocked with a wide selection of sustainably farmed foods. From free-range meat, braai wood, eggs, dairy



products, delicious condiments, olive oil, jams and artisanal breads.

- Both wine tasting and wine sales are available at **L'Huguenot Venue & Vinoteque** where residents and guests can experience the splendid views of the surrounding historic vineyards;
- In the 100-ton wine cellar the selective **Val de Vie and Polo Club wines** are produced, available for guests to taste and purchase and at discounted rates for Val de Vie Estate residents; Residents enjoy free delivery within one working day on orders of a case of six or more.



## HOSPITALITY

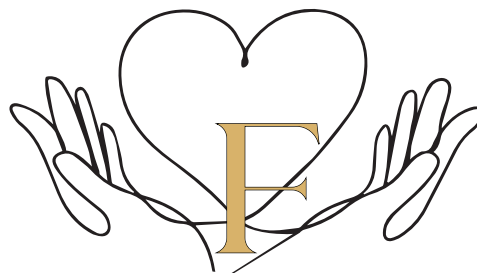
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- **The Pearl Valley Hotel by Mantis** has 31 fully equipped suites affording hotel guests access to the Pearl Valley Clubhouse, Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course and **The Valley Restaurant situated in the Clubhouse.**



- Val de Vie Estate is home to an iconic **Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course** – one of only six in South Africa. The unique touch of golf legend Jack Nicklaus is evident throughout the championship course;
- Voted South Africa's 3rd ranked Golf Course for 2023 by South Africa's Top 100 Golf Courses;
- The Pearl Valley Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course has two signature holes, 4th and 13th, both offering majestic views of the surrounding mountains and lakes;
- The 4th hole is challenging, with limited margin for error as you need to cross the creek three times en-route to a tricky green. This par 5 is regularly listed as one of the best in South Africa, epitomising the ideals of 'risk and reward';
- The 13th hole is a daunting par 3 that will test both your ball strike and your nerve. As the water cuts from the right and a greenside bunker awaits, one is captivated by the tee shot.
- The championship course has been ranked among the top ten courses in South Africa by Golf Digest magazine every year since 2006 up to and including 2019 and named the 'Best Conditioned Golf Course in the Western Cape' from 2010 – 2019 by Golf Digest magazine;
- An unforgettable experience begins with a professional welcome at The Golf Shop followed by the opportunity to change in the luxury locker rooms whilst your clubs are taken to your cart. A gentle warm-up on some of the best practice facilities in the country and your lifelong memorable experience can commence.





## VAL DE VIE FOUNDATION

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- Founded in 2015, the **Val de Vie Foundation** is a initiative which belongs to all on the Estate and its aim is to provide a better life for all in the Valley;
- The Foundation is a non-profit organisation that supports people in under resourced communities in the **Paarl-Franschhoek Valley** and collaborated with multiple stakeholders in a response to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- The Vodacom Shop Celebrity Golf Day, an annual highlight on the Western Cape golfing calendar, takes place on **the Pearl Valley Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course**. The auction dinner raises funds in aid of the Val de Vie Foundation and continues to grow every year. The funds are allocated to create a better life for all in the Paarl-Franschhoek Valley.