

Taylor's rammed earth man, and internationally celebrated artist Deborah Bells' Tribal Figures. You'll find everything in 17 acres of hidden groves, among indigenous plants (particularly fynbos), birdsong and scent, and along paths that wind between natural springs and a lake.

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Dylan Lewis Sculpture Garden Hot foot it around Stellenbosch's art offering from the Rupert Museum (the collection of the late South

Carissa flower copied into a gem collection.

to book you a Silvercross helicopter to Cape Town.

EAT Dusk Go to the newly-opened Dusk in central Stellenbosch and you'll have a first-rate experience that lasts for around four hours from the lights dimming at dusk. And you won't leave feeling stuffed, just marvelling at food as art: think exceptional presentation in which shells to stones all feature, and the dry-aged duck and heirloom beetroot main course is pure Miro; the stories the dishes 'tell' (via a changing cast of waiters, including one called Scholar); and the emotions such cuisine evokes.

African industrialist, Dr Rupert), the Palette Art Gallery, Vicent da Silva and GUS. Then return to

Delaire for some diamonds-as-art in the Graff boutique — the diamantaire even had the estate's

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eyes) and Anton Smit, Deborah Bell, Dylan Lewis, William Kentridge and Fred Schimmel (dubbed 'the

Picasso of South Africa') are all well represented. If you want more, you can always ask the concierge

in the southern hemisphere. Lionel Smit (including his portrait of Graff with his shrewd, penetrating

in South Africa. It's a must. It's so off the beaten track — you'll need Google maps to navigate there,

experience. It's located betwixt the worlds of 'wild' and 'tamed' in the artist's words: the slopes of the

fragmented forms and shamanic figures (exploring his 'inner wildness'), plus his lockdown triumph,

Vortex, a maelstrom of struggling forms. There are also other African artists on show, including Angus

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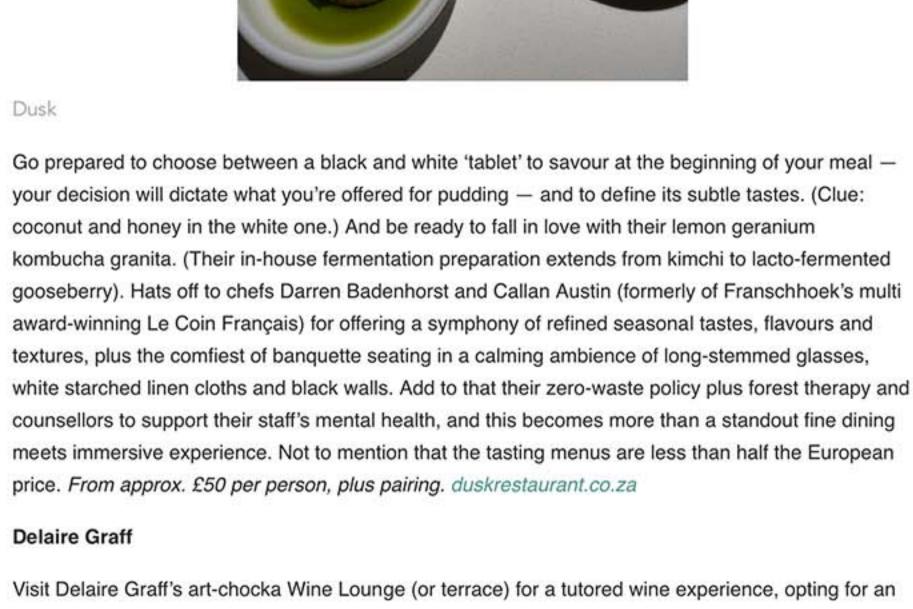
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and then there's no sign on the gate — and by appointment only, thus guaranteeing a peaceful

craggy Stellenbosch and Helderberg Mountains and the manicured outskirts of Stellenbosch.

Lewis may be famous for his sculptures of big cats, but his 60 exhibited works also extend to

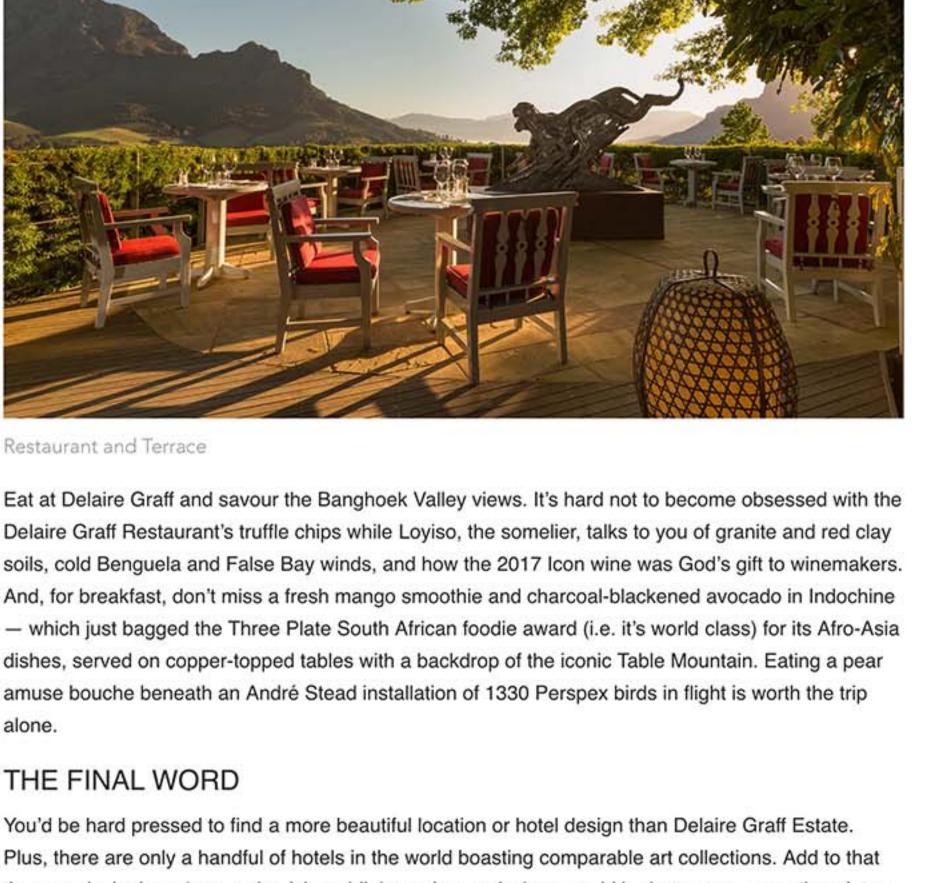


cold brew coffee infused overnight for teetotallers.

Icon Tasting (their premier selection; five wines for approximately £16) to understand why it's one of

Mountain, planted with Bordeaux reds and Chardonnay grapes. There are also ice lollies for kids, and

the most prestigious wineries in the world with its vineyards on the slopes of the Botmaskop



THE FINAL WORD the award-winning wines and quick-as-blink service, and where could be better to escape the winter and, oh, buy a diamond or two? BOOK IT: Lodges from R19,500 (approx. £929) per night, including breakfast, based on two sharing a Garden Lodge off-peak. delaire.co.za Featured image: An aerial view of the spa at Delaire Graff Estate.