



# DELHEIM

## Worth the Journey

A **holistic approach** to community and land, to winemaking and to enduring good business practices is what **sustains life** at Delheim. Delheim's been around for 70 years and is as sprightly about its future

as it ever was. The aim has always been to nurture a **strong culture of sustainable development** on the farm and within the community.

*We serve our communities*

*We conserve our environment*



## The People

Delheim is home to the **Sperling family** owners and to 13 other families. The Sperlings believe that everyone's lives on the farm are entwined in the same way that the land and the vines are **integrated**. **The community** that grows up and works together on the Delheim estate is, in turn, supported by a mini infrastructure.



Creche



After-school club



Environmental outing



Anna Foundation bike event

- The **crèche** is attended by 11 children and four babies. It has a fully qualified teacher whose recent training courses (including one on how to work with special needs children in support of the Pebbles Project) were sponsored by Delheim.
- **The Pebbles Project** has helped establish a library for the community and the children on the farm as well as an aftercare club for the school children. They also take the children on monthly outings and support the families with educational lectures.
- Four families on the estate have so far received **financial assistance** to buy their own houses.
- A **vegetable garden** has been established to supply vegetables for the communities and also to the Delheim Garden Restaurant.
- The **Anna Foundation** is involved in the after-school club, with educational, sports and life skills training to farm children. One pupil has received a full bursary to attend school in Stellenbosch and 3 other pupils have excelled in cycling and are being trained to take part in the Argus Cycle race of 105 km.
- Delheim is a **partner in a black economic empowerment (BEE)** project with Isak Julies to give employment equity, skills development, preferential procurement for BEE suppliers and enterprise development.
- **Employee training** is given on everything from Aids awareness and heavy vehicle driving to restaurant management, cellar stock control and nursery and seed propagation.
- **Lwando Lengga**, son of our gardener **Vita Lengga**, achieved the best results for a black scholar in the Western Cape, achieving 100% for maths and 6 A's for his studies. He will be going on to study medicine. Delheim will support him with his studies.
- Giving to the wider community, Delheim also donates food weekly from the restaurant to the Stellenbosch Night Shelter, helps to raise funds for **Child Welfare**, contributes to Life Line and collects the money that tourists throw into the Delheim pond for the local hospice.
- **Annual Independent Ethical Audit** is conducted to assist with the management in the community.



Vita and Lwando Lengga