

ANNOUNCEMENT: AVONTUUR WINEMAKER

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Dominique Modena as the winemaker at Avontuur Estate.

Our Helderberg (Stellenbosch) vineyard plantings are an extremely important part of our growth plans for our Ultra-Premium wine portfolio. Therefore, this appointment is a huge vote of confidence in Dominique's ability, potential and passion as a wine maker.

Dominique hails from the West Coast of the Northern Cape, near Springbok, where her father nurtured olive trees and made small-batch "garage wine" in his spare time. It was here that her love for nature blossomed—and where her journey into the world of wine began.

After completing high school in Cape Town, Dominique went on to earn a BSc in Agriculture: Viticulture and Oenology from Stellenbosch University. Her hands-on experience includes harvests at top-tier wineries such as Klein Constantia, Benguela Cove, and a vintage in Oregon, USA. She most recently held the role of Assistant Winemaker at Boschendal, where she honed her craft and reputation for excellence.

Dominique is known for her precision, discipline, and meticulous attention to detail. From selecting the finest grapes to overseeing fermentation and aging, she ensures every step is executed with the utmost care. What truly distinguishes her is a unique blend of technical expertise, creative passion, and outstanding people skills.

Her talent hasn't gone unnoticed—Dominique was recently recognized as a finalist in the Diners Club Young Winemaker of the Year Awards.

Avontuur is proud not only of its wines but also of its heritage as a world-class thoroughbred stud farm. Fittingly, Dominique is also an avid equestrian who owns her own horse and enjoys riding in her spare time. "Learning to communicate with horses—especially my own—has taught me so much, not just in riding, but in facing life's challenges," she says.

Her deep love of horses and her passion for winemaking are a natural fit with the unique spirit of Avontuur Estate, where equestrian excellence and fine winemaking go hand in hand.



I know you all will join me in congratulating Dominique on her appointment to this very exciting position and I know she can rely on everyone's full support.