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Meerlust Estate has been part of the Myburgh family tradition for eight generations since 1757, when it was purchased by Johannes Albertus Myburgh. When Nicolas Myburgh took over the reigns in 1959, he began an extensive restoration program of the Cape Dutch style architectural structures on the Estate. The entire complex was declared a National Monument in July of 1987. Today, the dedication to the art of fine winemaking continues under the guidance of Hannes Myburgh, Nicolas Myburgh's son. Meerlust is situated 15 kilometers south of Stellenbosch, in the Eerste River Valley with the blue crescent of False Bay just 5 kilometers away.

KEY POINTS

1. 272 acres are planted, mainly with the red varietals of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Pinot Noir.
2. Rubicon, the unique Bordeaux-wine blend of Meerlust, was released to international acclaim in 1980. Nicolas Myburgh was looking for an appropriate name and believed he had reached the "point of no return" with this wine and could only go forward. The name "Rubicon" was chosen after the Rubicon stream in Italy which Julius Caesar crossed before his march on Rome in 49 B.C.
3. The Estate is uniquely positioned for the production of wines with exceptional complexity and character. In the summertime ocean breezes and evening mists roll in from the coast to cool the vineyards, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and achieve full, concentrated varietal characteristics.
4. The soil for the red wines is a combination of decomposed granite mixed with clay. The Chardonnay soil is alluvial soil with a clay subsoil.
5. The Meerlust family has initiated a progressive farmworker's program in which the 75 workers and their families are offered a dynamic social development program which includes an after school facility for the children, a primary healthcare facility, adult literacy and education classes, a library program and a computer literacy course.

PRODUCT LIST

- Rubicon
- Pinot Noir
- Merlot
- Chardonnay

