



# Winegrowing Heuvelland



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## Foreword Vintage Heuvelland

Heuvelland is a recognised wine region. This means that the wines produced by our local vineyards are strictly controlled. If these controls confirm the quality of the wine, they are awarded an 'appellation contrôlée' quality label. Since 2005, BOB Heuvelland wine has been a controlled and protected designation of origin. You can now find vineyards in seven of Heuvelland's eight villages.

Vintage Heuvelland vzw groups together 20 wineries from the Westhoek district, three of which - Domaine La Bicoque, Reyngaard and 't Zwaluwnest - are non-commercial. Half a dozen of the well-established vineyards continue to expand significantly. Five new winegrowers have recently opened their vineyards. Heuvelland is now home to 10 % of the total area in Belgium planted up with vines, good for 200,000 bottles each year. These vineyards currently cover of some 60 hectares of countryside.

Heuvelland is the top destination for oenotourism in Belgium. Wine-making is important not only for the local economy, but also for the tourist sector. Just as importantly, the production of Heuvelland wine is sustainable. Many local restaurants and other catering outlets have Heuvelland vintages on their wine list. Regional products are also widely available at local

festivals and fairs. Several of the vineyards are delighted to welcome visitors and there are a variety of possibilities for overnight stays.

More and more grapes for fine wine are also being grown in the wider vicinity of Heuvelland. Vintage Heuvelland now has members in Wervik, Zonnebeke and Bas-Warneton. What's more, many of the local vintners also produce various subsidiary products. Belgian winegrowing is booming and the Westhoek is one of the most important players. In addition to fresh, aromatic and dry white wine, the region also produces sparkling wines, made according to the méthode traditionnelle. The local red wines are also highly appreciated.

You can find more information in the tourist brochure or on [www.toerismeheuvelland.be](http://www.toerismeheuvelland.be) and [www.vintageheuvelland.be](http://www.vintageheuvelland.be)

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## The secret of the terroir



Since 1990, the Province of West Flanders has made significant efforts to convert the area around the Kemmelberg (Mount Kemmel) from classic agriculture to more 'green' forms of cultivation. Climate and soil research revealed that the possibilities for fruitgrowing in Heuvelland were good. This resulted in the planting of the first vines on the Monteborg in 1996.

The rolling nature of the countryside and the proximity of the North Sea are both positive elements for our terroir. The 'mountains' of Heuvelland (which are really hills: the name Heuvelland means 'hill country') and the orientation of their slopes provide maximum sunlight

and good drainage. Many vineyards are also protected by neighbouring areas of woodland. To make good wine, the vines need a dry, thin soil. This can be found in abundance in Heuvelland: the poor sand-loam ground is well drained, thanks to the presence of ironstone. When near the surface, this ironstone - known locally as bergstenen or 'mountain stones' - also has the advantage of generating extra heat in sunny weather. This creates a warm microclimate, which helps to stimulate the ripening of the grapes.

Thanks to the cool climate, with chilly nights and a long ripening period, Heuvelland wines are famed for their fresh and aromatic character.



## Sustainable viticulture

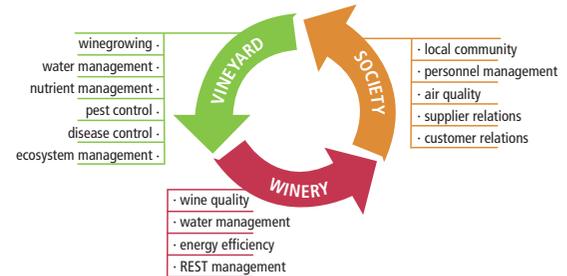
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Consumers are becoming increasingly more aware and knowledgeable about what they eat and drink. The issue of sustainability is now at the top of the political agenda. The Municipality of Heuvelland, Inagro, Syntra West, PC Fruit and Vintage Heuvelland also wish to encourage our region's winegrowers to use sustainable practices. The European 'Leader' subsidy programme provides financial resources for precisely this purpose. In exchange, we are in the process of developing a vision for the introduction of sustainable viticulture in Heuvelland and the Westhoek. Step by step, this strategy will be adjusted to suit the specific nature and needs of each individual vineyard. We intend to create a learning network, which will allow expertise to be generated, collected and shared. Whether the methods used are rational, organic or biodynamic, the improvement of the production practices used by the winegrowers is central. Classically maintained vineyards and traditional

vinification processes can also make use of sustainable methods. Our common objectives are: to reduce the size of the ecological footprint; to increase biodiversity; to achieve greater public awareness and support; to devote continued and increased attention to the production of quality wines. Concrete actions include: the testing of hoeing machines to remove unwanted weed growth mechanically; the optimisation of the use of sprayers and chemicals; the mapping out of the soil profile using a soil scan; the testing and comparison of local weather stations with specific data that will allow less and more selective spraying; the promotion of Vintage Heuvelland wine ambassadors; investment in water purification systems and the reduction of energy use; experimentation with floral meadows; the training of wine guides; the organisation of wine-tastings; the further professional development of Heuvelland's winegrowers. In this

way, we can work together to create sustainable viticulture in the Westhoek. By exchanging their knowledge and experience, our vintners can learn from each other how to do things better, constantly searching for the methods that will lead towards a healthier future for us all.

With thanks to the Municipality of Heuvelland, Inagro, Syntra West and PC Fruit for their support of this forward-looking project.



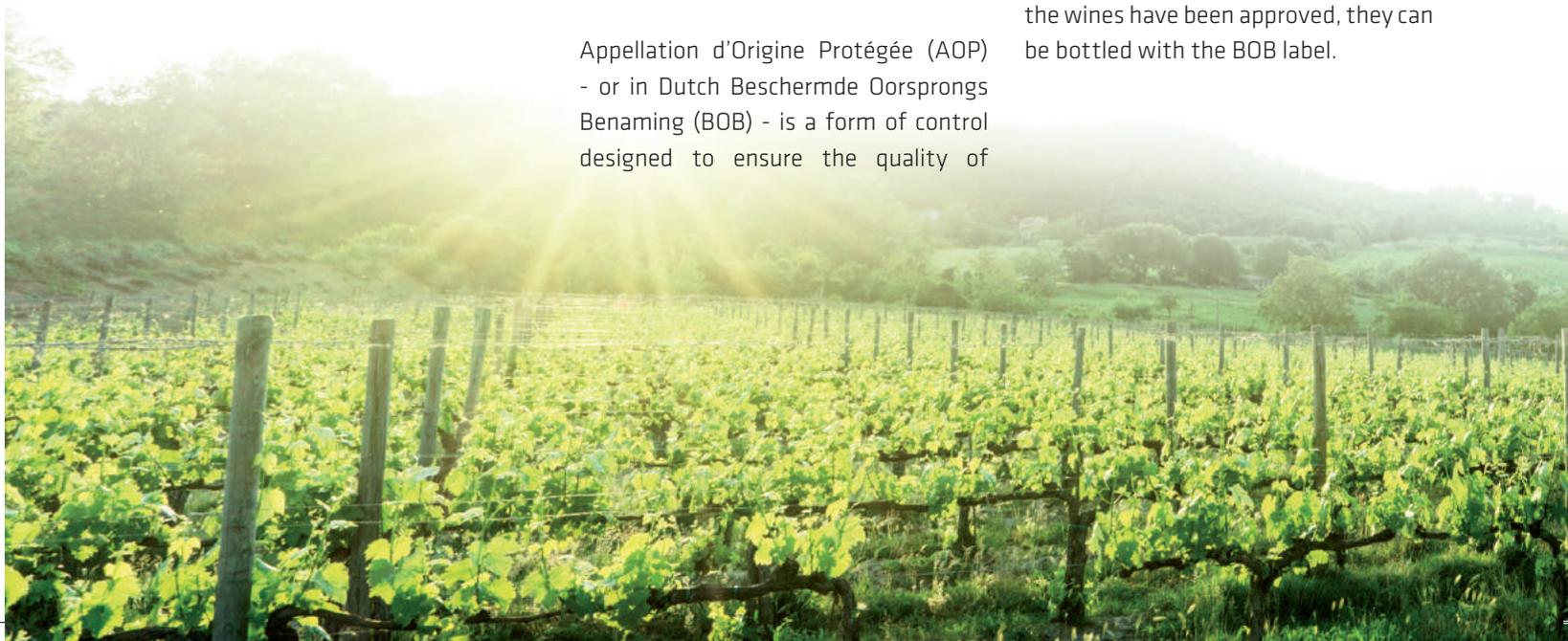
## The regional product: Heuvelland wine

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Heuvelland is a recognized winegrowing area. This means that the wine produced by various growers on the flanks of the Kemmelberg, the Rodeberg (Red Mountain) and the region's other hills and slopes are rigorously inspected and checked. If they meet the required standards, they are awarded an 'appellation contrôlée' label of quality. Heuvelland wine is therefore a closely controlled wine with a protected designation of origin.

Appellation d'Origine Protégée (AOP) - or in Dutch Beschermde Oorsprongs Benaming (BOB) - is a form of control designed to ensure the quality of

the wine. In Heuvelland, high quality viticulture is clearly possible (see further under 'authentic characteristics'). Each year, an inspector from the 'general management of economic inspection of the federal government service economy, SME, middle class and energy' takes samples from various vats before the wine can be bottled. These samples undergo analytical and organoleptic tests (i.e. via the senses) in the recognition committee. As soon as the wines have been approved, they can be bottled with the BOB label.



## a|. Vintage Heuvelland Ambassadors

Vintage Heuvelland Ambassadors are restaurateurs, every one of them a top professional, who each in their own unique and passionate way work with wines from the Westhoek. Their wine lists and menu cards make clear that they have no hesitation in recommending to you the many fine wines made in our region. Also by the glass.

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### Pegasus

- » Guido Gezellestraat 7  
8970 Poperinge

### Goeste

- » Grote Markt 28  
8970 Poperinge

### Terminus

- » Callicannesweg 16  
8978 Watou (Poperinge)

### De Steenen Haene

- » Komenseweg 21  
8902 Zillebeke (Ieper)

### In De Rustplaats

- » Veurnseweg 16  
8900 Ieper

### Pacific Eiland

- » Eiland 2  
8900 Ieper

### De Fonderie

- » Polenlaan 3  
8900 Ieper

### Découverte

- » Lange Torhoutstraat 22  
8900 Ieper

### Markt22

- » Grote Markt 22  
8900 Ieper

### Klei

- » Grote Markt 11  
8900 Ieper

### Ariane

- » Slachthuisstraat 58  
8900 Ieper

### De Scheve Fourchette

- » Sint-Eloosweg 59  
8902 Voormezele (Ieper)

### Resto Merlijn

- » Oude Wervikstraat 70  
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### Koklikoo

- » Ieperstraat 7  
8980 Zonnebeke

### Zet U

- » Passendaleplaats 7  
8980 Zonnebeke

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- » Sint Denijsplaats 7  
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### De Waterkant

- » Leiestraat 26  
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### Père et Mère

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- » Noordstraat 3  
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## b|. Webshop wines from Heuvelland



 WIJNEN UIT  
**HEUVELLAND**  
[www.wijnenuitheuvelland.be](http://www.wijnenuitheuvelland.be)



A quick and easy way to have great Heuvelland wine delivered to your home. At the same time, you will be kept fully in the picture about all the latest news from the local vineyards. Cheers!

## c|. Regional products with Heuvelland wine



### Fine de Heuvelland or Vintje

A distillate of grape juice is a fine. With this joint project, the members of Vintage Heuvelland VZW wanted to create a regional product that was made on the basis of residual flows from all wine growers. The name refers to vin (= French for wine), vintage (= vzw Vintage Heuvelland) and fine (= distillate from grape juice).

The residual product was distilled at La Distillerie de Biercée in Thuin and immediately returned to Heuvelland. The Vintje was aged in oak barrels in Heuvelland for at least 16 months and bottled in the Westhoek. The distillate received recognition as a 100% West Flemish regional product!

Vintje is available at various winemakers of Vintage Heuvelland vzw and in various local shops.



## Regional products with Heuvelland wine

### Vintage paté

The Vintage paté is an 'old-fashioned' paté produced by Stijn and Stefanie from the traditional farm butchery 't Lindebos in Wijtschate. The paté has a sweet touch so that the taste is similar to the taste of a wild paté. This is enriched with Vintje, a distillate of grape juice (more information can be found on the previous page) and ground raisins. The Vintage paté is available at: farm butchery 't Lindebos, various winemakers of Vintage Heuvelland vzw and visitors' centre 'Het Heuvelland'.

» [www.lindebos.be](http://www.lindebos.be)

### Heuvellandse bergstenen & Silex

Chocolatier Olivier Verledens from Loker had the bright idea to make a chocolate version of the 'mountain stones' that litter the slopes of Heuvelland. Using milk chocolate, a layer of pure cacao and Pommelle from the Monteberg Estate, he created his celebrated bergstenen. The cacao gives the typical rust-brown colour of the ironstone, while the Pommelle reminds us of the sand quarries of the past and the viticulture for which Heuvelland is now rightly famous.

Olivier's latest creation 'Silex' is a praline based on milk chocolate flavored with Eau de vin, from the wine domain Entre-Deux-Monts. The praline is finished with pieces of caramelized hazelnuts in the chocolate that provide a crispy result..

» [www.joiedechocolat.be](http://www.joiedechocolat.be)



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## Wine estates to visit

### a|. Monteberg Estate | Ward & Katrien Six | Dranouter

In 1996, some 600 vines were planted on the southern slopes of the Monteberg and the Kemmelberg as a trial to see if the region and its terroir were suitable for wine-growing. It quickly became clear that wine-making activities had a bright future in Heuvelland. Today Monteberg Estate has an area of 10 hectares with 48,000 vines. In all expansions they have always worked towards the goal to make a wide range of wines. With the up to now 11 different varieties, everyone finds their preference in the 'Monteberg' range. A soil rich in ironstone, a location protected by neighbouring woods to the north and well-drained southfacing slopes all help to ensure that this is ideal winegrowing land.

- » Area planted with vines: 10 ha
- » Grape varieties: Müller-Thurgau, Kerner, Pinot Gris, Dornfelder, Pinot Noir, Siegerrebe, Regent,

Chardonnay, Solaris, Rondo en Auxerrois .

- » Wine assortment: méthode traditionnelle white, rosé and red, white wines, rosé wine, red wine and Pommelle.
- » In addition to wine, Mgin is also available

#### Facilities



- » Workshops/ events
- » Extra assets: large new vinification room and new tasting room, wine terrace, large new wine shop, picnic by reservation

#### Other activities nearby

- » Area of great natural beauty
- » Area with a historic wartime past (command bunker under the Kemmelberg)

- » Extensive walking and cycling networks
- » Various restaurants and taverns
- » Music Centre in Dranouter

#### Practical info

- » Hours of opening wineshop: Mon. – Fri. from 14.00-17.00, Sat. from 10.00-12.00 & 14.00-17.00. Closed on Sundays and public holidays.
- » Visits outside of opening hours are possible by appointment.
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## b|. Entre-Deux-Monts Estate | Martin Bacquaert | Westouter

Belgian wine estate Entre-Deux-Monts is located on the beautiful rolling flanks between the Rodeberg and the Zwarteberg, right in the heart of Heuvelland. Located on the intersection between these two mountains and right on the border with France, Martin Bacquaert produces unique cool climate wines. This moderately cool climate, influenced by the North Sea, together with the unique composition of the terroir, is decisive for the fresh, elegant and balanced Entre-Deux-Monts signature.

- » Area planted with vines: 20 ha
- » Grape varieties: Chardonnay, Auxerrois, Pinot Gris, Pinot Meunier, Kerner, Sieger, Pinot Noir and Acolon
- » Wine assortment: sparkling, white, rosé, red and fortified wines

**‘The humble pride of crafting premium wines in this unique cool climate region’**

### Facilities



- » Extra assets: large terrace with view on vineyard and binoculars, view on vineyard and production from tasting room, free (educational) trail in vineyard of 6 km: Walk & talk route. Experience garden with different possibilities, see website.

### Did you know?

- » Entre-Deux-Monts was named ‘Best Tourist Entrepreneur’ of the Westhoek.



### Practical info

- » Hours of opening wineshop: Tue., Thu. and Fri. from 14.00-17.00, Sat. from 10.00-17.00.
- » Guided visits are possible by appointment via reservation module website.
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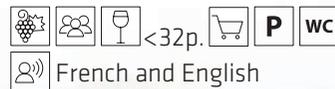


## c|. Koudekot Estate | Peter Dael | Dranouter

Koudekot has three different types of grape, all blue varieties that share the common characteristic of early ripening. This is essential for the making of high quality still wines in a northern climate. In addition to red and rosé, with two of these varieties it is also possible to make white wine; namely, the Blanc de Bleu from the Blauer Zweigelt and the Blanc de Noir from the Frühburgunder, which used to be known as Pinot Noir. Nouterbaar, a regional product based on apples, is another Koudekot speciality. The constant striving for top quality, combined a never-ending search for the right balance between bio-cultivation and traditional cultivation techniques in the battle against plant diseases, means the need to accept lower yields. As a result, the supply of Koudekot wines is limited.

- » Area planted with vines: 1 ha
- » Grape varieties: Regent, Blauer Zweigelt, Frühburgunder
- » Wine assortment: red (Regent Zweigelt), red (Frühburgunder), Blanc de Bleu (Blauer Zweigelt white), Blanc de Noir (Frühburgunder white), rosé (Regent), Nouterbaar (half-dry apple wine)

### Faciliteiten



- » Extra assets: terrace

### Other activities nearby

- » Music Centre in Dranouter
- » Eeuwenhout bike hire
- » Eeuwenhout nature reserve
- » Extensive walking and cycling networks
- » Various restaurants and taverns



### Practical info

- » Hours of opening wineshop: Sat. from 10.30-17.30; on other days by appointment.
- » Group visits are always possible by appointment.
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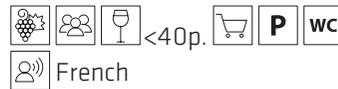
## d|. d'Hellekapelle Estate | Michel Dehem | Loker

Michel of d'Hellekapelle planted his first vines near the Kauwackers in 2009: 3,000 plants, split between the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir varieties. Nowadays, he has more than 9,000 vines to care for.

An enthusiastic Michel guides you around his vineyard, wine cellar and vinification area. At the end of your visit, you can sample some of the fine d'Hellekapelle wines: naturally vinified and sometimes matured in French oak barrels. The tasting area on the roof terrace gives a wide view over the vineyard and the valley of the Douve stream.

- » Area planted with vines: 2 ha
- » Grape varieties: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Auxerrois
- » Wine assortment: Pinot Noir (BOB-Heuvelland), Chardonnay (BOB-Heuvelland), Pinot Auxerrois (BOB-Heuvelland) and Papillion Brut

### Facilities



- » Extra assets: overnight stays in d'hellekapelle, personal contact with the winegrower

### Other activities nearby

- » Hiring of electric bikes (at the estate)
- » Eeuwenhout nature reserve
- » Extensive walking and cycling networks
- » Various restaurants and taverns

### Practical info

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## e|. Wijngoed Reyngaard | Jan & Mieke Reynaert | Dranouter

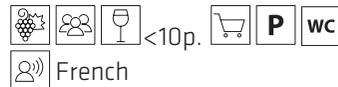
Wine has always fascinated the winemakers of the Reyngaard vineyard. After some years of experience helping to harvest grapes in Heuvelland, they asked themselves whether or not they might be able to make good quality wine of their own. Contact with other local winegrowers persuaded them that this was possible, providing they chose the right grape varieties and rootstocks.

They started their wine adventure in 2012 - in their back garden! They now run a micro-winery with a limited production. They are the smallest producers in Heuvelland but are proud of what they have achieved. They enjoy the production process and strive to make wine of the best possible quality. The Reyngaard Vineyard makes red and rosé wines from Regent grapes. The white wine is made from Pinot Auxerrois blanc and Pinot gris.



- » Area planted with vines: 280 vines
- » Grape varieties: Regent, Pinot Gris, and Auxerrois Blanc
- » Wine assortment: white, red and rosé wine

### Facilities



- » Extra assets: terrace

### Other activities nearby

- » Music Centre in Dranouter
- » Eeuwenhout bike hire
- » Eeuwenhout nature reserve
- » Extensive walking and cycling networks
- » Various restaurants and taverns

### Practical info

- » Visits are possible by appointment from May to mid-September.
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## **f).** **Cense de l'Alouette** | Jan & Lieve Staelens-Haezebrouck | Nieuwkerke

The name 'Cense de l'Alouette' appeared on the Ferraris maps of 1771. The ridge is part of the Tielt Formation, a dune mound that was formed around 50 million years ago. Lying in the shadow of the Kemmelberg, it overlooks the river Douve to the north and Lei Valley to the south. The vineyard was planted by the Staelens family in 2018. Qualified winegrower and winemaker Jan Staelens is passionately committed to the work that goes into producing his distinctive wines. Overlooking Northern France (Lille, Armentières, Bailleul), the southern slope is ideal for the particular range of red, white and sparkling wines produced under the 'PDO Heuvelland' label\*. The vines stand on a superb terroir of sandy loamy soil and ironstone, typical of the Heuvelland region. Work will be undertaken in the coming years on developing the location into a wine and geology-themed viewpoint and meeting point for hikers and cyclists.

\*PDO: Protected Designation of Origin

- » Area planted with vines: 1 ha
- » Grape varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, Auxerrois, Acolon and Syrah
- » Wine assortment: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, single-varietal Acolon, Pinot (Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, Acolon), method sparkling wine (Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay)

### **Facilities**



### **Other activities nearby**

- » visiting farm 't Kapelhof
- » Obstacle Course Nieuwkerke
- » Extensive walking and cycling networks

### **Practical info**

- » Visits possible from 2022.
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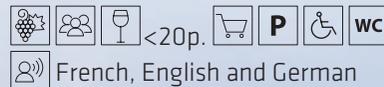


## g|. Klein Rijselhoek Estate | Peter Vandamme | Loker

After first planting a trial vineyard, in 2009 Peter Vandamme was able to start as a wine-grower in the Heuvelland BOB region. His 1-hectare plot is situated at the foot of the Rodeberg on a steep slope. The soil is a mixture of clay, loam and ironstone, which is ideal for growing vines. He opted for fungus-resistant varieties: Regent, Cabernet Cortis and, more recently, Sauvignier Gris. The vineyard is also home to a kestrel, who lives in a specially adapted nest box. This useful 'lodger' helps to protect the vines against rodents, which damage both the roots and stems of the vines. Other birds that have an appetite for ripening grapes are also kept at a safe distance. This all goes to make the Klein Rijselhoek an environmentally-friendly and sustainable vineyard.

- » Area planted with vines: 1 ha
- » Grape varieties: Regent, Cabernet Cortis, Muscaris, Sauvignier Gris
- » Wine assortment: Natural wines: Regent-Cabernet (red), White Sauvignier Gris, (Orange) Solaris

### Facilities



### Other activities nearby

- » Music Centre in Dranouter
- » Eeuwenhout bike hire
- » Eeuwenhout nature reserve
- » Extensive walking and cycling networks
- » Various restaurants and taverns

### Practical info

- » Visits possible by appointment.
- » Galooiestraat, 8958 Loker  
+32 497 73 86 06  
[www.kleinrijselhoek.be](http://www.kleinrijselhoek.be)  
[kleinrijselhoek@skynet.be](mailto:kleinrijselhoek@skynet.be)



## h|. Neuve-Eglise Estate | Frederik Debruyne | Nieuwkerke

The small domain that planted its first half hectare in 2016 with a first expansion to 0.8 ha in 2019 is located on the southern flanks of Nieuwkerke. With high plant densities and low yields, only a very high quality is pursued. At the moment, mainly Pinot Noir is planted, followed by Chardonnay and to a lesser extent Pinot Gris and Pinot Blanc. In the long run, the focus will be entirely on Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Further expansions will be along the same lines. By working hard in the vineyard with nature, this line is also extended in the cellar. There is no striving to make natural wines, but wines that are made as naturally as possible. All wines are aged in wood.

- » Area planted with vines: 0,8 ha
- » Grape variety: Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc and Chardonnay
- » Wine assortment: Pinot Noir (different cuvées), Chardonnay and Gris+Blanc

### Facilities



English

### Other activities nearby

- » Extensive walking and cycling networks
- » Various restaurants and taverns

### Practical info

- » Visits possible by appointment.
- » Niepkerkestraat 28,  
8950 Nieuwkerke  
+32 478 20 73 04  
www.neuve-eglise.be  
frederik@wijndomein-neuveeglise.be



## i|. Wijngoed De Valleï | Jacques & Annie Gruson-Wyffels | Westouter

In 2010 Jacques and Annie planted their vineyard. This is situated on half a hectare of sand-loam ground with a gentle west facing slope on the south side of a valley near the village of Westouter. In 2013, they made their first promising wines, including a Pinot Auxerrois. This Heuvelland Estate works on a fully biologicaldynamic basis according to R. Steiner's teachings. Both the bio-label and the Demeter label have now been obtained.

- » Area planted with vines: 0,5 ha
- » Grape varieties: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Auxerrois, Pinot Gris, Ortega and Siegerrebe
- » Wine assortment: white, red and rosé wines

### Other activities nearby

- » Berg en Dal mini-golf
- » Chair lift on the Rodeberg
- » Rik Delhaeye bio-farm
- » Kosmos landscape and play park
- » Playground in the village (500 metres)
- » Extensive walking and cycling networks
- » Guided summer walks in July and August
- » Horseback walks in September

### Practical info

- » Visits are only possible for small groups with an interest in bio-dynamic viticulture!
- » Kortedreef 3, 8954 Westouter  
+32 475 49 29 63  
annie.wyffels@telenet.be



## **j|. t Zwaluwnest Estate** | Bart Denys | De Klijte

't Zwaluwnest Farm and Bed & Breakfast is situated on the fringes of the rural village of De Klijte, the smallest of the sub-municipalities of Heuvelland. The farm has a truly wonderful location, covering more than 2 hectares of scenic agricultural land at the foot of a group of small hills, surrounded by green meadows and the ripening crops in the fields. The first vines in 't Zwaluwnest Estate were planted in 2013, with further extensions being made each subsequent year. The first grapes were plucked in 2015, allowing the first of their promising wines to be tasted.

- » Area planted with vines: 0,8 ha
- » Grape varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris
- » Wine assortment: white, red and rosé wine
- » the wine serves as a welcome drink in the B&B

### **Facilities**



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French, English, German, Spanish, Wolof and Mandingo

- » Extra assets: terrace, possibility to sleep, play area, you can dine there in the evening

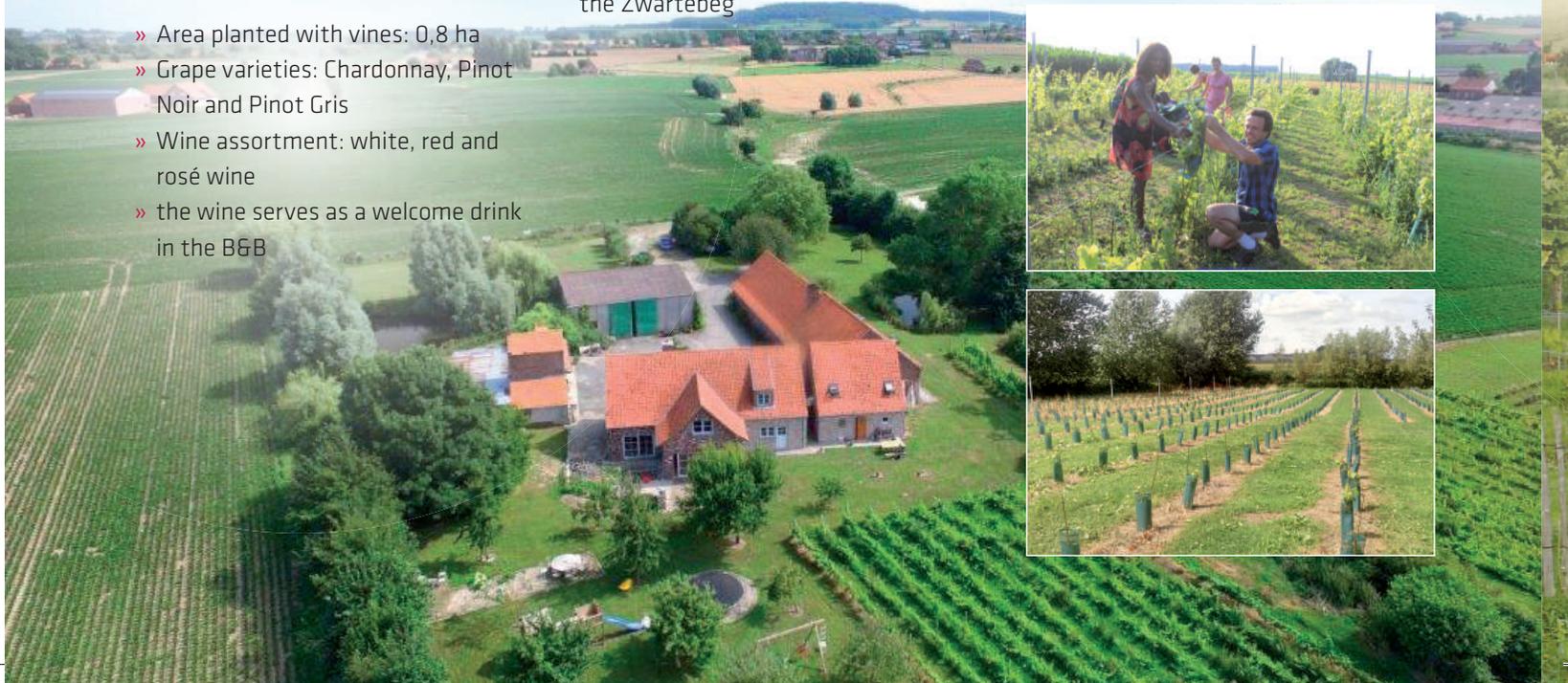
### **Other activities nearby**

- » Woodland walks
- » Extensive walking and cycling networks
- » Horseback walks
- » Chair lift between the Rodeberg and the Zwarteberg

- » Overnight stays in B&B 't Zwaluwnest, with views of the vineyard
- » The history of the wartime past (command bunker under the Kimmelberg)
- » Various restaurants and taverns

### **Practical info**

- » Visits possible by appointment.
- » Reningelststraat 82, 8954 De Klijte  
+32 486 54 19 58  
[www.tzwaluwnest.eu](http://www.tzwaluwnest.eu)  
[bart@tzwaluwnest.be](mailto:bart@tzwaluwnest.be)



## k|. Vidaigne Estate | Herman & Wivine Schotte | Westouter

The Vidaigne Estate is, without doubt, one of the most idyllic vineyards in all Belgium. It is situated at the bottom of a beautiful and largely natural garden, with magnificent views over the rolling countryside of Heuvelland. There are just 1,200 vines, but Herman and Wivine's wines grace the tables of many of Belgium's finest restaurants. They were the pioneers of red wine (Regent) in Heuvelland, a success story characterized by great quality and finesse.

- » Area planted with vines: 0,5 ha
- » Grape varieties: Regent, Phoenix, Solaris and Johanniter
- » Wine assortment: red and white wines

### Facilities



<25p. French, English and German

- » Extra assets: terrace, located in the nature reserve the Broekelzen, beautiful views of Heuvelland and a wild controlled garden

### Other activities nearby

- » Rodeberg riding school
- » Rik Delhaye bio-farm (Westouter)
- » Chair lift between the Baneberg and the Vidaigneberg
- » Broekelzen nature reserve
- » Extensive walking and cycling networks
- » Various restaurants and taverns

### Practical info

- » visits are possible by appointment.
- » Soldatenstraat 1, 8954 Westouter  
+32 57 20 41 72  
herman.schotte@telenet.be



## **I|. Ravenstein Estate** | Dirk & Patricia Talpe-Lenoir | Wervik

Ravenstein is a former glory. In 1450 it was under the management of Adolf van Kleef, lord of Ravenstein and Wijnendale. Ravenstein Estate started in 2017, with the planting of 2.5 ha of vineyard, under the management of Dirk Talpe and Patricia Lenoir.

The vineyard is located on the southern flanks of the Amerikaberg in Kruiseke-Wervik, where the grapes can reach full maturity. The soil is sandy loam with in the deeper layers of clay and a silex layer, which ensure the minerality in the wines. Dirk and Patricia wish to develop the vineyard in an ecological and sustainable way, as they already do with their plant nursery. The soil is cut and shredded so that no soil herbicides are to be used, and mixed hedges

provide a shelter for natural attackers of harmful insects.

To receive groups, an old barn was converted into a tasting room on the farm. Dirk himself is responsible for a passionate tour for visiting groups.

- » Area planted with vines: 5,5 ha
- » Grape varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, Acolon, Gamaret, Garanoir and Pinot Gris
- » Wine assortment: white, red and sparkling wine according to the méthode traditionnelle

### **Other activities nearby**

- » The National Tobacco Museum
- » Bellewaerde Park
- » Several hiking and cycling trails
- » Nature reserve De Balokken
- » Ice Mountain Adventure Park

### **Facilities**



### **Practical info**

- » Visits are possible by appointment from 10 people.
- » Kruisekestraat 296, 8940 Wervik  
+32 56 31 32 36 of +32 477 67 49 80  
[www.wijndomein-ravenstein.be](http://www.wijndomein-ravenstein.be)  
[info@wijndomein-ravenstein.be](mailto:info@wijndomein-ravenstein.be)



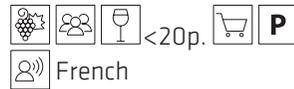
## m|. La Bicoque Estate | Patrick Deleu | Neerwaasten

The domain has some 700 vines, planted in 2004 in the magnificent 2.5 hectare estate of La Bicoque. On a hill with a view over a lake and with a south-facing aspect, the vineyard is able to benefit from privileged climatic conditions.

The domain is situated in Bas-Warneton - Neerwaasten in Dutch, Bas Varnetån in the Picard language - a village on the banks of the River Leie (Lys) and a sub-municipality of Komen-Waasten, in the extreme western part of the province of Hainaut.

- » Recently planted: 700 vines
- » Grape varieties: Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Dorn Felder, Regent and Pinot Noir
- » Wine assortment: white, red, rosé and sparkling wine

### Facilities



### Other activities nearby

- » VVV (tourist) office in Comines-Warneton
- » Ribbon-making museum in Komen
- » Plugstreet 14-18 experience
- » The brewery museum

### Practical info

- » Visits possible by appointment from 1 May to 30 September.
- » Oude Plaatsstraat 65, 7784 Komen-Waasten  
+32 475 57 37 23



## n|. Den Nachtegael (from 2022) | Dirk Syx | Zonnebeke

Until recently, Den Nachtegael was a traditional agricultural farm, but its fine location and rolling fields always made it ideal for viticulture. In 2019, two trial vineyards were planted. The first 8.5 hectares of new vines were planted in 2020. It is intended to eventually extend this area to a total of 14.5 hectares, with additional parcels of ground in Zonnebeke, Beselare and Geluveld. With its wide variety of 'cépages', from 2022 Den Nachtegael will be able to offer a selection of sparkling, red and white wines in its brand-new production unit and tasting rooms.

- » Recently planted: 14,5 ha
- » Grape varieties: Auxerrois, Riesling, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, Gamay, Melon (de Bourgogne), Chardonnay, Kerner, Acolon, Merlot, Pinot Gris and Bacchus
- » First sale in 2022. Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, Acolon, Gamaret, Garanoir, Pinot Gris
- » Wine assortment: white, red and sparkling wine according to the traditional method

### Facilities



French and English

- » On the domain you can not only go for wine pleasure but they also have thought of the children or sports enthusiasts. Would you like to ride a horse? With your own horse, or you can book a horse for a guided tour around the domain. Relaxing on the sunbathing lawn by the pond with a glass of wine while the children play in the meadow is one of the options.

### Extra activities in the vicinity:

- » Cycling and walking
- » Tyne Cot Cemetery
- » Zonnebeke war museum
- » Passendale cheese museum

### Practical info

- » Visits possible from 2022.
- » Langemarkstraat 132, 8980 Zonnebeke  
+32 475 41 01 88  
[www.den-nachtegael.be](http://www.den-nachtegael.be)  
[info@den-nachtegael.be](mailto:info@den-nachtegael.be)



## |. Heerlyckheydt Roonen Bergh (from 2022) | Simon Riquiere | Westouter

This domain, started in 2020, is situated on the slopes of the Rodeberg hill and has a typical ironstone and sandy loam soil. The ironstone holds warmth in the ground and helps the grapes to ripen. The sandy loam is fertile, moisture-retentive and rootable, so that it is easy to work. The slope of the land ensures good drainage, while the surrounding woodland creates an ideal micro-climate. The unique composition of the soil and the unique qualities of the location together form a terroir that is perfect for the planting of vines and the vinification of fine wines. The vineyard is planted exclusively with classic French varieties of grape: Chardonnay, Auxerrois, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and even Sauvignon Blanc, the latter being a variety that is found nowhere else in Heuvelland. In the near future, the domain will have some 11,500 vines, which will be increased to 20,000 in due course.

De Heerlyckheydt has a multi-functional hall with space for up to 100 people and a holiday home that can accommodate 14 guests. Both the hall and the home have breath-taking views over the vineyard.

- » Recently planted: 4 ha: 11,500 vines (2020+2021) + 5,250 vines (2022) + 3,250 (2023)
- » Grape varieties: Chardonnay, Auxerrois, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Sauvignon Blanc
- » Wine assortment: white (Auxerrois/ Pinot Blanc/Sauvignon Blanc), red (Pinot Noir), sparkling wine according to the traditional method (Chardonnay/Pinot Meunier/Pinot Noir)

### Facilities



### Extra activities in the vicinity

- » Cycling and walking routes

### Practical info

- » Buy Heuvelland wine online: [www.wijnenuitheuvelland.be](http://www.wijnenuitheuvelland.be)
- » Hellegatstraat 8, 8954 Westouter  
+32 478 59 85 66 of +32 496 64 39 75  
[www.roonenbergh.be](http://www.roonenbergh.be)  
[info@roonenbergh.be](mailto:info@roonenbergh.be)



## Other wine estates

### Rozenhill Estate |

Laurens Dauchy | De Klijte

- » No visits possible
- » Area planted with vines: 3 ha, 11,000 vines planted in 2018 and 2020
- » Grape varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Auxerrois
- » Rozenhillestraat 1, 8954 De Klijte  
+32 499 25 24 22  
laurens.dauchy@hotmail.com

### Petit Bois Estate | Family Willemyns-Deboosere | Kemmel

- » No visits possible
- » Area planted with vines: Test vineyard of 225 vines.
- » Grape varieties: 2 varieties of the Pinot Noir grape.
- » Oosthoekstraat 5, 8956 Kemmel  
+32 473 79 36 27  
info@petitbois.be

### Dominique Clarebout | Wijtschate

- » No visits possible
- » Area planted with vines: 2 ha, 8,900 vines planted in 2016
- » Grape varieties: Auxerrois and Dornfelder
- » Making wine and commercializing is done by the Monteberg Estate team.
- » Houthemstraat 59, 8953 Wijtschate  
+32 476 78 00 62  
dominique.clarebout@telenet.be

### 't Hooghof | L&L Distribution | Dranouter

- » No visits possible
- » Area planted with vines: 1.2 ha and 20 are Pinot Meunier
- » Grape varieties: Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier
- » Address of planting: Kemmelstraat 86, 8951 Dranouter  
+ 33 673 41 00 57  
www.louis-dehu-champagne.com

### Zavelaar Estate |

Stefaan Decadt | De Klijte

- » No visits possible
- » Area planted with vines: 2 ha
- » Grape varieties: Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Auxerrois, Chardonnay and Acolon
- » Wine assortment: white, rosé, red and traditional method wine
- » Opposite the Dikkebusstraat 70, 8954 De Klijte  
+32 476 59 08 87  
www.bellini-beauty.be/zavelaar  
stefaan.decadt@decadt-hout.be

### Clos Huguette | Marc Maertens | Loker

- » Visits possible by appointment
- » Area planted with vines: 1,250 vines
- » Grape varieties: Acolon
- » Making wine is done by the Entre-Deux-Monts Estate
- » Kanegemstraat, 2, near the 'Scherpenberg'  
+32 474 01 68 48  
marc.dermato@telenet.be



## Explore our region: by foot, on two wheels or four

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Would you like to explore our region in a fun way? If so, you have come to the right place! In Heuvelland we are guaranteed to have a method of travel that is right up your street! From city bikes to e-bikes and from Offroad E-Steps to four-seater golf buggies! The two last are a great way to get to know the region. They are electric and easy to operate. This means that they make very little noise, allowing you to enjoy the charm and calm of Heuvelland to the full. Cruising pleasure at its very best! Would you like an even more carefree cruising experience? Along with the golf cart you can rent a GPS with homemade routes, including the Heuvelland wine route!

### **Vintage Heuvelland cycle route (37,7 km)**

The Heuvelland wine route is about 37,7 km long, passing through the rolling landscape of south-west Flanders. Using mainly quiet rural roads, the route takes you past - and others magnificent views over - the various vineyards in our region. This free route passes no fewer than thirteen local vineyards. A series of info-panels shaped like wine bottles give information about each domain, its types of vines and the available wines. It's a great way to explore the beauty of Heuvelland and enjoy its magical landscape.

### **Walk & Talk among the vineyards (5,8 km)**

Would you like to learn everything about the Entre-Deux-Monts wine estate? Follow the Walk & Talk route from vineyard to vineyard. The route consists of two circuits that take you past various cafes, taverns and other catering outlets where you can sample our delicious local wines. The route is 5,8 km long and starts at the Entre-Deux-Monts Estate (Rodebergstraat69A, Westouter)



**These maps and much more are available at the visitors' centre 'Het Heuvelland'. You can find more information about these activities on [www.tourismheuvelland.be](http://www.tourismheuvelland.be).**



## Events connected with wine

### a|. Open Vineyard Festival



Every year, the affiliated wine domains open the gates of their vineyards. You are given the opportunity to sample their wide selection of wines, are taken on a guided tour of the domain and get a fascinating explanation of how the vinification process works. What's more, you can easily travel from domain to domain. With your glass in your hand, it is a great way to make an unforgettable road trip through Heuvelland and the surrounding region.

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**For information and reservations:  
Heuvelland Tourism:  
Visitors' centre 'Het Heuvelland',  
Sint-Laurentiusplein 1  
8956 Heuvelland-Kemmel**



## b|. Heuvelland Wine Festival | 15 august

What began in 2007 as a modest tasting with just four local wine-makers, has since developed to become a fun summer activity with 11 wine-makers and a number of other stands with local delicacies, fun entertainments for the kids and music, all contributing to a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

The formula is classic, but still popular and effective. At the entrance you pay a modest fee to buy a unique festival glass. At the same time, you get a number of vouchers to exchange for wine at all the different stands.

But there is more than that! In contrast to commercial wine tastings, here the wine is poured by the wine-makers themselves. In other words, you get first-hand information straight from the grapevine and - if still possible, given the growing number of visitors

each year - can ask all the questions you like.

Come and enjoy this great festival, which takes place on 15 August (11.00-18.00) in the grounds of the Warande Castle in Kemmel, in the heart of fabulous Heuvelland. If you would like to make your visit even more memorable, you can reserve a picnic consisting exclusively of 100% regional products. This will be waiting for you at lunchtime on the festival's large terrace. Admission to the castle grounds for non-wine drinkers is free, where you can wander to your heart's content and discover more of Heuvelland's delicious regional products.

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 Sint-Laurentiusplein 1  
 8956 Heuvelland-Kemmel**



## Group arrangements connected with wine



### SAMPLING WINE IN YOUR HOLIDAY HOME

**NEW**

Are you curious to find out what Heuvelland wines taste like? If so, why not book a Heuvelland wine tasting session, given by a real sommelier. It is an ideal activity if you visit Heuvelland as a group!

THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS IN THE EATING, says the old English proverb. We challenge you to discover at first hand just how good our local wines really are! Are you a wine connoisseur? We look forward to hearing your opinions during the tasting. Do you know next to nothing about wine but would like to find out what Heuvelland has to offer? We would love to tell you. Because we are convinced that no matter what your level of wine experience, our tasting session is certain to leave you wanting more!

Discover the 2 available formulas on [www.toerismeheuvelland.be](http://www.toerismeheuvelland.be)

#### Practical info

- » Max. 24 people.
- » All materials included (wines, glasses, spittoons, etc.).
- » Held in the group's holiday home.
- » For groups of up to 12 people, one bottle of each type of wine in the tasting selection will be used. For groups of more than 12 people, a second bottle will be added. Any wine left over at the end of the tasting will be given to the group.



#### VISITING A VINEYARD

The Heuvelland wine-growers are happy to welcome you to their vineyards. You can find a summary of the vineyards that are open to visitors at the beginning of this brochure or on [www.vintageheuvelland.be](http://www.vintageheuvelland.be).



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### FOLLOWING THE WINE ROUTE WITH A LIGHTNING VISIT TO A VINEYARD

Let yourself immerse in the wonderful wine culture of Heuvelland and take part in one of the Vintage Activities. The guide will accompany you in your bus and show you some of Heuvelland's most charming wine locations. In addition to receiving basic information about wine-growing and winemaking, you will also be able to enjoy the breathtaking scenery of our hills and dales, perhaps while dreaming of other far-off wine destinations. Along your route, you will stop at one of the Heuvelland vineyards for a lightening visit. You will sample the wine and watch a film about its production process.

#### Practical info

- » Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes



**Reservation of the activities above  
via tourism Heuvelland:  
[toerisme@heuvelland.be](mailto:toerisme@heuvelland.be) or  
+32 57 45 04 55.  
More info:  
[www.tourismheuvelland.be](http://www.tourismheuvelland.be)**

# Heuvelland wine in Heuvelland cafés and local shops

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Heuvelland wines can be ordered by the glass in the following cafés.

### **Debs Tea Garden**

Godtschalckstraat 36,  
8951 Dranouter  
Open on Sat. and Sun.

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### **'t Oud Kervertje**

Lettingstraat 7, 8951 Dranouter  
Open on Fri., Sat., Sun. and  
Holidays

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### **Redmond's Irish Pub**

Dikkebusstraat 135, 8958 Loker  
Open from Fri. to Tue.

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### **Ruiterschool Rodeberg**

Rodebergstraat 21, 8954 Westouter  
Closed on Mon.

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### **Belvedere**

Rodebergstraat 49, 8954 Westouter  
Open from Fri. to Sun. and Holidays.

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### **Cordoba**

Rodebergstraat 75, 8954 Westouter  
Open on Sat. and Sun.  
July and August: Open every day  
except Friday!

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### **De Frontieren**

Boeschepestraat 4, 8954 Westouter  
Open on Fri. or by appointment.



**In following local shops you can  
buy Heuvelland wines:**

### **Foodbar & Market A l'aise**

Reningelststraat 32a, 8956 Kemmel  
Closed on Tue.

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### **De Polka**

Kemmelstraat 34, 8956 Kemmel  
Closed on Wed.

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### **Voedingszaak Finesse**

Kemmelbergweg 2, 8958 Loker  
Closed on Thu.

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### **Frescana**

Sulferbergstraat 16, 8954 Westouter  
Closed on Mon. morning and Sun.  
afternoon

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### **Mini-Market Rita Caron**

Dikkebusstraat 96, 8954 Westouter  
Closed on Tue.



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- Didactical visit to the winegrowing company and installations 
- Tasting room x number of people 
- Possibility to purchase wine & by-products 
- Parking car / bus 
- Toilets 
- Accessibility for disabled people 
- Guided visit in other languages 