

Karoo Art Hotel, Barrydale awarded with the coveted 2018 /2019 Eat Out award!



Karoo Art Hotel flies the flag in receiving, for the first time this prestigious award by Eat Out, the authoritative guide to the top restaurant food available in South Africa .

The Eat Out foodie guide is kept in every gourmet’s car and its App is on every foodie’s cell phone. Hit a town where you do not know the best-kept food secrets? Consult Eat Out! On Thursday 18 October the winners of the 2018 Eat Out Mercedes-Benz Restaurant Awards were announced at the Mercedes Benz showroom in Cape Town. *“Honouring the extraordinary talent in South Africa is what Eat Out is all about,”* says Aileen Lamb, MD of New Media, who is in charge of this annual country-wide reward, the most prestigious food award in SA. It is for all intents and purposes our own Michelin star award in SA.

Our restaurant serves South African ‘platteland’ (country-style) food, Karoo dishes, all prepared by our Executive Chef Alicia Giliomee and her team, only using the best available fresh local ingredients. We are the only restaurant who received this acclaim in the whole of the Klein Karoo. We take particular specialist care in selecting our suppliers.

Our dishes reflect the ethos of the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the international gastronomical guild dedicated to the camaraderie

of the table, of which we are a member. Most of our dishes are typical to the Karoo, South African klein dorpië (villages) and Karoo farmsteads —presented with flair.

Over the years, the hotel and its restaurant have evolved into a food destination on the scenic Route 62, recently named by CNN Travel as one of the 10 best road trips in the world. Our hotel is the best base camp from which to explore the Klein Karoo and magnificent mountain passes of the area on short day trips. This Eat Out award, together with our previous Klein Karoo Gourmand Food Awards, mark our restaurant undisputedly as one of the top restaurants in the Klein Karoo and indeed in the Western Cape province. Excellent food goes with excellent wine: Our superb wine list - with a special focus on the best Klein Karoo wines available under one roof -has also just now, again, for the third year, been awarded the prestigious Diners Club Wine List **Diamond** Award (one of only 12 such Diamond awards in the Western Cape – and the only one in the Klein Karoo - and one of only 42 awarded in South Africa.) *“Wine is the only art you can drink”!*

In addition to all these culinary achievements, the hotel was awarded a 4-star hotel grading in 2018 by the South African Tourism Grading Council. The whole of this feisty little hotel is an art gallery – curated by the internationally recognized art curator Heidi Erdmann.

The Karoo Art Hotel is an authentic and character Klein Karoo hotel that no traveller, local or from overseas, should drive past. We specialize in giving tour groups from overseas an authentic Karoo experience, with South African hospitality, the best food and wine and art – and a Riel-dance (the ancient dance of the Karoo) to boot. Stay two nights- we know all the local secrets, and put together great sightseeing and activity programmes for our guests. Character rooms, adorned with art. Excellent service. Best food and wine. Cool gardens and a large swimming pool to relax in. Art all around. Keeping in country. Keeping it funky...Food is Art!

