

PRESS RELEASE

The coveted **2019 /20 Eat Out Award for the Best Country-Style Eatery in the Western Cape** has just been awarded to Karoo Art Hotel, Barrydale, Klein Karoo, Western Cape, South Africa!



Eat Out is the authoritative guide to the top restaurant food available in South Africa.

On Wednesday 25 September 2019 the winners of the 2019 Eat Out Mercedes-Benz Restaurant Awards were announced. "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 awards, the most prestigious restaurant awards in SA. It is for all intents and purposes South Africa's own Michelin star restaurant awards. This year, the restaurant at the Karoo Art Hotel won the award as the BEST COUNTRY-STYLE EATERY IN THE WESTERN CAPE!

Our restaurant serves South African 'platteland' (country-style) food, Karoo dishes, all prepared by our Executive Chef Derek Lowe and his team, only using the best available fresh local ingredients. Most of our dishes are typical to the Karoo, South African klein dorpias (villages) and Karoo farmsteads - presented with flair.

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 fourth year, **been awarded the prestigious 2019/20 Diners Club Wine List Diamond Award.** Only 40 restaurants/bars/hotels in the whole of South Africa and only 16 in the Western Cape ,received a **Diamond** award from Diners Club for their wine lists,. *"Wine is the only art you can drink"!*

This Eat Out Restaurant Award, together with the various previous restaurant and wine list awards we have received, undisputedly recognizes our restaurant as one of the top country-style restaurants in the Klein Karoo and indeed in the Western Cape province. *Food is Art!*

Over the years, the hotel and its restaurant have evolved into a food destination on the scenic Route 62, 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.

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 authentic local culture, such as a Riel-dance performance. The Riel dance is the ancient courting dance of the Karoo. Stay two or three nights- we know all the local secrets, and put together great sightseeing and activity programmes for our guests. The whole hotel is an art gallery. The character rooms are also all adorned with art. Excellent service. Cool gardens and a large swimming pool to relax in. Keeping in country. Keeping it funky!