

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE DEFINING OF PRODUCTION AREA
CAPE WEST COAST (SUBREGION)

(In terms of Section 6 of the Wine of Origin Scheme published by Government Notice No. R.1434 of 29 June 1990)

Please take note that the Wine and Spirit Board gave permission to define Cape West Coast (Subregion) as a production area to produce Wine of Origin.

The expression West Coast is frequently used in the vernacular and the impression was created that it is a smaller specific area within the current Coastal Region. This motivation and description is an attempt to define the area on the basis of prominent natural characteristics, namely geology and climate.

Geology: West Coast is associated with sandy soils (except the Darling tops) and is one of the factors taken into account with the demarcation (**Fig. 1**).

Climate: West Coast is seen as a cool area where temperatures are buffered by the cold Benguela current in the Atlantic Ocean. The effect is at its strongest on the coastline and decreases as it moves inland from the coastline. The growing season (15 September to 15 March) accumulated degree days, were used to depict the effect and was used as the main guideline to delineate the Cape West Coast's eastern boundary (**Fig. 2**).

Districts and wards included: The districts Darling, Lutzville Valley and Swartland (partially) and the wards Groenekloof, St Helena Bay, Lamberts Bay, Bamboes Bay and Koekenaap.

Description of boundaries (Figs. 1 and 2): The southern boundary starts at the coastline just above Melkbos and runs eastward on the Swartland district's southern boundary to the N7 above Philadelphia.

The eastern boundary runs along the N7 for 10 km in a north-easterly direction towards the boundary of the Malmesbury Ward and follows the boundary northwards, roughly on the geological separation between the shales and the sands and rather follows farm boundaries and rivers for practical purposes.

The boundary runs north from the Berg River at Zanddrif along with the Boesmans River to the boundary of St Helena Bay Ward and then runs northwards to Elands Bay, where the boundary proceeds to a 10 km coastal buffer that includes Wards Lamberts Bay and Bamboes Bay.

The border continues along the Cape Coast border to Hoekbaai where the Western Cape ends.

The proposed boundaries can be viewed at www.sawis.co.za – "Certification – News and Information" or contact Jackie Cupido at 021-807 5704.

Anyone having any objection against this application is hereby notified to lodge their objections, with motivations, in writing with Olivia Poonah (olivia@wsb.org.za), Secretary, Wine and Spirit Board, P O Box 2176, Dennesig, Stellenbosch, 7599 within 30 (thirty) days of publication of this notice.