

BREAKFAST MENU

served from 07:00 to 10:30 daily



CONTINENTAL BUFFET

R115

Selection of fruit juices

Selection of cereals and homemade muesli

Double thick plain yoghurt, strawberry and Cape fruit

Freshly sliced fruits in season

Stewed mixed fruits, mixed berry compote
and fresh fruit salad

Variety of locally sourced cheeses with preserves

Charcuterie with pickles and relish

Smoked Franschoek salmon trout and peppered mackerel

Breads and pastries - 100% Rye bread, seed loaf,
sourdough, Danishes, banana bread,
croissants, muffins and scones

One speciality tea, coffee or juice is included

HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET

R95

2 eggs- fried, scrambled, poached or boiled
(Please place your order with the dedicated waitron)

Grilled back bacon

Pork bangers or beef sausages

Roasted cherry tomatoes with balsamic vinegar

Sauteed button mushrooms

One speciality tea, coffee or juice is included

Toast included

BREAKFAST TO ORDER

served with your choice of toast;
sourdough, 100% rye or seed bread

On the go - R50

2 eggs-scrambled, fried or poached
with grilled back bacon and cherry tomatoes

Oudewerf breakfast - R70

2 eggs-scrambled, fried, boiled or poached with back bacon,
pork banger, cherry tomatoes and creamy black mushrooms

Kale, onion and cremalat goats feta frittata - R55
with toasted cashew nuts

Three egg omelette - R68

choose 3 fillings - hickory ham, bacon, mushrooms,
cheddar cheese, tomato, onion

Eggs benedict - R75

2 poached eggs, English spinach, gammon
on an English muffin with hollandaise sauce
(Surcharge of R36 for Smoked salmon trout)

French toast - R50

2 slices sourdough with back bacon and maple syrup

Bowl of hot oats - R40

made with soy milk served with banana, honey and cinnamon

BEVERAGES

Hot Chocolate R25

Café Latte/Decaf R24/R26

Americano/Decaf R16/R18

Decaffeinated Coffee R18

Espresso Single/Double R16/R22

Cappuccino/Decaf R20/R22

Fruit juices R16

Oude Werf
RESTAURANT

THE STORY OF A CHURCH AND A HOTEL

While you enjoy your breakfast, you may be interested to know that you are sitting in much the same spot as the congregation of South Africa's first church, built in 1687 - a thatch-roofed building of "22 x 40 Rhenish feet" with a bell tower, visible in the earliest known sketch of Stellenbosch of 1710, before the Church and much of Stellenbosch was destroyed by fire.

Though attempts were made to rebuild it, a new site was chosen at the top of present-day Church Street, with much of the surviving building material absorbed into a new church begun in 1717. The 'old churchyard' (de Oude Werf) stood vacant for some 70 years, until church deacon Daniel van Ryneveld divided the site into lots for sale - an act of 'religious desecration' many believed doomed him to clatter through the old yard on horseback for eternity as Oude Werf's first legendary ghost.

Oude Werf's early history was soon forgotten however. In 1783, on deconsecrated ground, owner J B Hoffman is credited with the building of an elegant Cape Dutch gabled house. In 1802, it opened its doors as an inn. Despite the damage caused by another fire in 1803, proprietor Wolfram Hesse Kessel still ensured "amiable lodging for 3 Rix Dollars a day". "Excessive!" noted one guest, though admitting that its table always groaned with food. Later guests, like Governor Sir George Grey, accompanying Prince Albert on his travels in 1860 also praised the "generous victuals" dispensed by Wouter Wium and his wife Tant Betjie, who remains one of Oude Werf's most colourful figures.

Colourful guests there were too, including Carl Otto Hager, who would become South Africa's most prolific church architect. In 1841, still a poor painter, he gazed from the windows of the inn at the beautiful Cornelia and hatched a romantic plan. Convincing her father to be the subject of a portrait, the usually speedy Hager took no less than seven long sittings to capture the likeness of the man and eventually, the hand of Cornelia, who became his wife.

In the last few years of the 1800s, the Hotel (by then known as Wium's Inn, Arcadia and Harmonia) suffered another fire. It rose again however, this time in two-storey Georgian style as a 'parlour' boarding house for some of the first female students of the fledgling university - the origin of Stellenbosch's first women's sorority house, Harmonie.

Gerhard Lubbe bought the Hotel in 1972 and began its extension and restoration, which in 1981 saw archaeological excavations that revealed the church's granite foundation, pillars that supported its roof, the likely position of the 'preekstoel' (pulpit) and early (disinterred) graves - some elements of which are still visible beneath the restaurant and in the ground floor room wing.

Today, Oude Werf is owned by the Petousis hotelier family and the late Kitty, whose Albertyn ancestors were some of the original church's first congregants. Much grown in the 21st Century to a luxury hotel, Oude Werf still preserves its 300 year history as a national heritage site and also as South Africa's oldest continuously-running hotel.

