

SITE NAME: VREDENHEIM (VREDENBURG, VLOTTENBURG,

LANDSCAPE UNIT NUMBER: C07
LANDSCAPE UNIT GRADE: Grade II

ADDRESS OF THE SITE

PROPERTY NO
 SITE ADDRESS Vlotenburg Road and R310
 CURRENT USE Agricultural Werf
 ORIGINAL USE Agricultural werf

PROTECTION AND GRADING

Curr.NHRA Protection S27
 >60YRS? **Yes**
 PROPOSED GRADING Grade II

MAP



LATITUDE/LONGITUDE

-33.960545 18.806525



SIGNIFICANCE

Associational	Medium	Representivity	High
Age	High	Rarity	High
Scientific	None	Archaeology	
Symbolic	Medium	Intangible	
Architectural	High		

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

Cape Dutch

ARCHITECT/BUILDER

SITE DESCRIPTION

Fine Cape Dutch homestead and werf with unique front gable. H-shaped house with small addition to the east, and fine, established garden with surrounding werf wall. The "modern," shed buildings to the east accommodate the restaurant and wine tasting facilities, while sheds set back to the west of the house comprise the working elements of the farm.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The werf has intact characteristics such as the gabled homestead, axial approach, werf wall, evidence of threshing floor, landscaping. The werf as a whole exhibits the strong pattern of settlement seen elsewhere along the Eerste River, between the R310 and river itself. The site has historical, contextual, scenic, architectural and social significance. There is an association with slavery. The site has a degree of rarity.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

GROUPING WITH OTHER SITES

Original Cape Dutch farm werfs along the Eerste River.

EVIDENCE OF DEMOLITION

T-shaped original house now demolished.

SITE HISTORY

Granted to Elbertsz in 1691, in 1716 acquired (with adjacent Vlotenburg) to Johannes Wessels. In 1742 transferred to Johannes Loubser, then to Paul Roux (Fransen, 2004: 222).

LANDSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE

Some mature Oaks, camphor, ad hoc garden planting.

CONTEXTUAL DESIGN

Intact werf.

INVASIVE ELEMENTS

Modern walls and security

HERITAGE VULNERABILITY

Development of Vlotenburg node