

SITE NAME: FLEURBAIX

LANDSCAPE UNIT NUMBER: C15
LANDSCAPE UNIT GRADE: Grade II

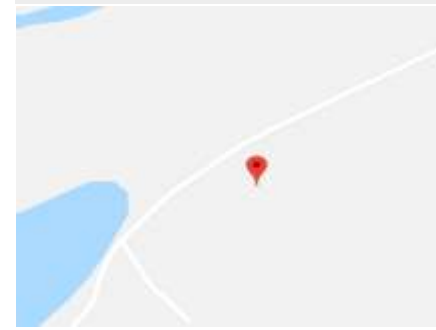
ADDRESS OF THE SITE

PROPERTY NO
 SITE ADDRESS Van Reede Road
 CURRENT USE Agricultural werf
 ORIGINAL USE Agricultural werf

PROTECTION AND GRADING

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

MAP



LATITUDE/LONGITUDE

-33.95652 18.834246667



SIGNIFICANCE

Associational	Medium	Representivity	Medium
Age	High	Rarity	High
Scientific	Low	Archaeology	Medium
Symbolic	Low	Intangible	Medium
Architectural	Medium		

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

Cape Dutch

ARCHITECT/BUILDER

SITE DESCRIPTION

A linear werf with an H-shaped homestead with later front and end gables, flanked on either side by outbuildings that project slightly forward, with metal roofs and holbol end gables. Another outbuilding delineates the edge of the werf, and the whole is set on a contour set above the Eerste River, but facing towards the river. There is a fowl run, and the gardens have been formalised, and would not likely have been part of the historic werf space. Regardless, there are mature trees surrounding the werf that are part of an older landscape pattern.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

While none of the individual elements within the werf are seen to be worthy of Grade II status, as a whole the werf is an important historic space and exhibits a pattern of farming and settlement along the Eerste River, as well as exhibiting some original fabric of some age. The site has a high degree of architectural, aesthetic/contextual, scenic and historic significance.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

GROUPING WITH OTHER SITES

The site contributes to the understanding of the historic pattern of settlement between the R310 and Eerste river.

EVIDENCE OF DEMOLITION

SITE HISTORY

First granted in 1695 to Pierre le Febre, a Hugenout, and named after the town Fleurbaix in Picardie. The house is said to date from 1768, with the end gables and front gable added in 1800, when Paul Roux was the owner (Fransen, 2004: 233).

LANDSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE

Rows of oak trees edge the werf space. Linear plantings contribute to the sense of place.

CONTEXTUAL DESIGN

The site has very high contextual significance, being a very intact Cape Dutch werf with a fine sense of place.

INVASIVE ELEMENTS

Offices and Agri-industrial structures behind the werf

HERITAGE VULNERABILITY

This site is particularly vulnerable to agri-industrial development, which has already impacted the site. The suburban sprawl of Stellenbosch is a real threat to this unique heritage site and its broader landscape.