

SITE NAME: ELSENBURG

LANDSCAPE UNIT NUMBER: A09
LANDSCAPE UNIT GRADE: Grade II

ADDRESS OF THE SITE

PROPERTY NO
 SITE ADDRESS R44 Elsenburg Road
 CURRENT USE Agricultural College
 ORIGINAL USE Agricultural

PROTECTION AND GRADING

Curr.NHRA Protection S37
 >60YRS? **Yes**
 PROPOSED GRADING Grade II

MAP



LATITUDE/LONGITUDE

-33.84737888 18.83771679



SIGNIFICANCE

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

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

Cape Dutch, Cape Revival

ARCHITECT/BUILDER

Melck; Baker, Visser, Fagan; Thorold

SITE DESCRIPTION

Extensive werf with range of Cape Dutch and Cape Revival and 20th century buildings, much altered; iconic walled mill stream.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Prime site for indigenous inhabitants with livestock, usurped by the VOC as an outpost for controlling resources and trade. One of a group of elite sites that passed into private ownership of Company officials. The setting is spectacular and the canalised and embellished stream is unique. Richly layered and extensive werf with archaeological remains and structures dating from the 17th century. The best known owner was Martin Melck, who owned hundreds of slaves and was an entrepreneur of note. The alterations and additions have been undertaken by a series of recognised conservation architects. Its role as an agricultural college was critical to the scientific development of farming in South Africa.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

GROUPING WITH OTHER SITES

EVIDENCE OF DEMOLITION

SITE HISTORY

LANDSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE

CONTEXTUAL DESIGN

INVASIVE ELEMENTS

HERITAGE VULNERABILITY