

Contemporary living in Stellenbosch's emerging creative hub



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Bosmans Crossing has a long association with the production of wine and spirits. In the 1800s, a somewhat illegal brandy distillery was run from the site and the original sidings used then to move brandy onto the railway trucks were eventually taken over by other distilleries in the area. With its prime location in the heart of Stellenbosch's premium agricultural area, Bosmans Crossing became the epicentre of its alcohol and spirit production, and the large gutters still evident serve as a reminder of how wine from exploded bottles would flow freely down Distillery Road.

Wine may no longer flow there quite so freely, but Bosmans Crossing alongside the Plankenburg River is still home to some of the finest spirits being produced in Stellenbosch. It will soon also be the location of a contemporary new development, called Bosmans Club, which will offer secure, contemporary living in Stellenbosch's newest creative quarter.

"Bosmans Club will appeal particularly to young professionals and post-graduate students who want to experience the vibe of Stellenbosch – the wine farms, restaurants and markets – without living in the centre of the town," says Louise Varga, Pam Golding Properties area manager for Stellenbosch. "The opportunity to buy off-plan also makes this an attractive investment option. Accommodation is always in demand in this historical town, so these apartments will also provide an excellent opportunity for rental income. Now is the time to invest in this emerging creative hub that will, we foresee, be one of the most desirable mixed-use areas in Stellenbosch."

Bosmans Crossing already appeals to a wide epicurean market and residents of Bosmans Club will have this precinct's vast offering on their doorstep. Autograph Distillery, named last year at the Michaelangelo Awards as the Best Craft Gin for 2018, operates from one of the sidings in the area. This bespoke gin is distilled with hand-picked botanicals grown on-site.

Autograph will soon be launching monthly Friday events, where visitors will be able to sample food truck fare while enjoying a gin tasting. The Stellenbosch Fresh Goods Market happens every Saturday at the nearby Oude Libertas and residents of Bosmans Club will have these activities on their doorstep. Bosmans Club, flanked by the river and the Papagaaiberg, is in mountain biking and trail running territory. Stellenbosch's The Italian restaurant Dalla Cia/Pane e Vino is well-established, and is a popular eating spot for those working at the law firms and other offices based in the precinct. Top wine farms and restaurants are all just a short distance away.

Designed by VertiKal Developments, Bosmans Club will comprise 46 units resplendent in a fusion of wood, steel, glass and brick. Starting at R1.4 million including Vat, the development is ideal for first-time buyers or investors looking for property in a vibrant area earmarked for long-term expansion and development.

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[A view of Bosmans Club](#)