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Heritage meets timber innovation at Vrede en Lust Wine Estate

Tasked with reimagining the tensile roof of the Vrede en Lust (Peace and Delight) wedding venue, JNA Group's roofing division transformed it with an engineered timber structure that enhances the estate's architectural beauty while preserving its heritage charm.

The Vrede en Lust Wine Estate is a dream wine-tasting, bistro, wedding and conference location situated at the foothills of the Simonsberg mountains in the Western Cape's picturesque Simondium valley.

Sustainability was a key consideration throughout the project. Timber was chosen because it balances durability, robust structural integrity and carbon-sequestering properties with the estate's historic aesthetic dating back to 1688.

The new roof features a laminated *Eucalyptus saligna* ridge beam supported by four tapered saligna timber columns that form the structural backbone of the renovation. Bespoke laminated ceiling beams and an acoustic timber ceiling contribute to the calm ambience while delivering the superior acoustic performance essential for hosting events.

As the main contractor, JNA Group oversaw the construction process, managing subcontractors and ensuring a seamless workflow. Their expertise in large-scale timber roofing was pivotal in delivering a structurally sound and visually striking design, perfectly complementing the heritage thatch building adjacent to the venue.

Malherbe & Rust Architects envisioned a roof balancing modern durability with the estate's historic aesthetic. Grobler & Genote's structurally engineered framework ensured strength without compromising elegance.

Although the Western Cape's weather tried its best to intervene, JNA's meticulous planning ensured the project met the deadline imposed



The impressive saligna roof at the Vrede en Lust wedding venue.



The wedding venue blends into the historic scenery.

by a pre-booked wedding. The established supplier relationships ensured timely materials delivery, and its specialised timber construction knowledge guaranteed efficient and precise execution. 🌲

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