

## GETAWAYS

# The estate that bling built

A diamond baron's precious gem

BY SHANNON MELNYK

Lemon trees and lavender fields mark the start to a South African summer in the Cape Winelands. The meandering road along the picturesque vineyards of Stellenbosch, however, is now paved with diamonds, thanks to what international jeweller Laurence Graff considers a good view and an exquisite Chardonnay.

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Soon, Graff will be including a diamond salon showcasing his world famous gemstones and showpiece watches.



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