Ashbourne



Olive Louise Hamilton Russell, Owner

Olive Hamilton Russell grew up on a South African cattle farm, which had been in her family for almost 200 years.

After majoring in Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Stellenbosch, she worked in retail food product development at Harvey Nichols in London and Woolworths in Cape Town. This led to a position in retail homeware buying with inevitable regular business travel to Europe and Asia.

Today she owns Hamilton Russell Vineyards, Hamilton Russell Oregon and Ashbourne, with her husband Anthony Hamilton Russell, and is also actively involved in his Southern Right business. She holds the Cape Wine Academy Diploma, and is currently completing her DipWSET studies.

Olive has published a bestselling cookbook “Entertaining at Hamilton Russell Vineyards”, winning a Gourmand Award in its category. She has also appeared on numerous local and international TV cooking shows.