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IN THE DRAKENSTEIN VALLEY, situated between Paarl and Franschhoek, is Babylonstoren, a working farm featuring a luxury hotel and eight acres of formal gardens. Inspired by the Company's Garden in the Cape, and interpreted by French architect and landscaper Patrice Taravella of the Prieuré Notre-Dame D'Orsan gardens in France, the garden has more than 300 plant varieties – all edible! You'll find vegetables, fruit, berries and even a prickly pear maze. The brainchild of design guru Karen Roos (former editor of *Elle Decoration*), this place is magical. Open Wednesdays to Sundays from 09h00 to 17h00, the gardens will provide you with miles of footpaths so you can work off (or up to) lunch at the restaurant. Call 021 863 3852 for more info or to book.



ABOVE Says Patrice Taravella of his creation: 'A biblical garden that could possibly compare to the one seen from the Tower of Babel.'

