

PROTEA SERIES COINS

On occasion, the South African Mint releases special products, often to commemorate a special event or award.

Protea coins were first introduced in 1986 and are produced in two sizes – a 1 oz and a ½ oz.

The obverse has an image of the king protea, the national flower of South Africa.

Each reverse bears a different attractive design based on the theme for that year.

The following are examples of the Protea coins that are purchased by the South African Reserve Bank:

Nadine Gordimer

The 2010 Protea series depicts Nadine Gordimer who is a South African writer, political activist and Nobel laureate.



PROTEA SERIES COINS (CONTINUED)

Life of a Legend: Robben Island, Nelson Mandela

The 'Life of a Legend - Nelson Mandela' Protea series was introduced in 2013, representing a different chapter of Nelson Mandela's life on each year's coin issue. The 2018 edition features his 27-year incarceration and eventual release.



Life of a Legend: Nelson Mandela, Legacy

The year 2019 celebrates the 25th year of a free and democratic South Africa, and so it is fitting that the legacy left by the first democratically elected President of South Africa is depicted as a conclusion to the series.

