

Monterosso Estate

Koelenhof Ridge R304

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WO; Stellenbosch



Vintage Score best drinking

Sauvignon Blanc R

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| 2011: lemony yellow, not citrus or tropical, more malic green apple and pear, fresh and with weight and tangy stone fruit. | 2011 | 87 | 2011-2017 |
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Chenin Blanc R

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| 2011: not dissimilar to the Sauvignon, same colour, weight and malic chewy fruit. Lemony quince palate. | 2011 | 87 | 2011-2018 |
| 2013: medley of almond, hazelnut and savoury quince, delicious and a step up. | 2013 | 91 | 2013-2020 |

Sangiovese R

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| 2011: very dark for the variety with hints of stewed rhubarb and prunes, with acid lift, mocha and spice on the palate. A heavyweight Sangiovese. | 2011 | 87 | 2011-2018 |
| 2013: delicious chewy savoury strawberry with bite, showing complexity and length. | 2013 | 89 | 2013-2020 |
| 2014: edgy unripe raspberry with sage and vanilla oak, real character and quite worthy. | 2014 | 88 | 2014-2024 |
| 2015: bitter-edged and crisp raspberry fruits, mid weight, touch more linear. | 2015 | 86 | 2015-2025 |

Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot

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| 2007: sweet oak and developed tone nose, meaty palate with a blackcurrant liqueur hit following. Still full and generous. A classy wine | 2007 | 91 | 2009-2020 |
| 2012: lighter style with less flair, nice dark fruit if lacking impact and the complexity of earlier versions. | 2012 | 84 | 2012-2020 |
| 2013: sour cherry, oak notes and bitter tobacco – nicer than it sounds and a satisfying mouthful. | 2013 | 84 | 2013-2021 |
| 2014: Bordeaux-like savoury oak, restrained but polished fruit, balanced and a great food wine. | 2014 | 85 | 2015-2024 |