

## Alto Wine Estate

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WO; Stellenbosch

Limited range of sincere, good value wines and intimate tasting room with stunning valley views.



*Vintage Score best drinking*

### Alto Rosé R

**2018:** rusty copper hue, fruit forward nose, viscous weight, nicely dry and highly perfumed with red berries and rose water.

**2018 86 2018-2026**

### Alto Rouge RR

	<b>2006 80 2007-2012</b>
	<b>2007 88 2008-2014</b>
<b>2009:</b> mid colour, sour cherry nose, sweet fruit and a weighty palate. Smoke and savoury notes, still firm tannins.	<b>2009 84 2009-2017</b>
<b>2010:</b> morello cherries with a lean raspberry bite, if a touch austere.	<b>2010 85 2010-2018</b>
<b>2011:</b> softer and riper seeming than '10, with grip and attack and Cab Franc red berry.	<b>2011 86 2011-2020</b>
<b>2012:</b> light, juicy and with fresh fruit attack. Medium weight, flavours linger and offer some complexity.	<b>2012 86 2012-2022</b>
<b>2013:</b> reliable quality, always smooth, balanced and richly fruited without excess. Great food match.	<b>2013 87 2013-2024</b>
<b>2014:</b> rich and full-fruited yet maintaining finesse and a layered palate. Will be even better in time.	<b>2014 87 2014-2026</b>
<b>2015:</b> wonderful expression of power and richness with silky tannins and clean fruit purity. Terrific effort.	<b>2015 89 2015-2028</b>
<b>2016:</b> another superb effort, balances richness and	<b>2016 90 2018-2029</b>

depth with clean, focussed fruit, wood backbone  
and yet is elegant and silky. Will improve.

<b>2017:</b> full and soft in youth, with lush red and black fruits, hints of spice and lots of quality oak. Nicely in harmony and showing mulberry depths.	<b>2017</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>
<b>2018:</b> generous ripe fruit, pretty nose, supportive oak and a dry red berry and blackcurrant length, very nice.	<b>2018</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2019-2030</b>
<b>2019:</b> dry and dusty charcoal tannins with old wood sinew, very dark mixed small berry fruit, feeling more than its 14% alcohol, quite interesting.	<b>2019</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2020-2029</b>

## Cabernet Sauvignon RRR

<b>2000:</b> at 18 this is still nicely coloured, not too gamey, fynbos and pine hint, ripe and fresh with leather finish.	<b>2000</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2003-2022</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2008-2017</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2009-2013</b>
<b>2009:</b> deep interesting nose of cassis, cigar box and oak, fresh dark fruit palate with firm tannins which need a few more years to soften.	<b>2009</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2009-2018</b>
<b>2010:</b> lean acid grip on tight fruit lacking some weight and finishing rather short.	<b>2010</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2010-2017</b>
<b>2011:</b> not too bold or heavy, nicely restrained Quality fruit with savoury hedgerow flavours. Very nice.	<b>2011</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2011-2022</b>
<b>2012:</b> serious and still reserved, with classy Unpretentious fruit.	<b>2012</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2012-2025</b>
<b>2013:</b> released at age five, there is deep plum purple fruits, vanilla and a full mouthfeel and lush attractiveness.	<b>2013</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2015-2026</b>
<b>2014:</b> still rich and deep, with mixed dark fruits, very classy and expressive, a touch more restrained and sinewy than '13.	<b>2014</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2015-2026</b>
<b>2015:</b> some rim fade, shy but serious nose then intense clean fruit in abundance.	<b>2015</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2016:</b> floral and elegant with smooth and easy mouthfeel, lots of clean cassis and mulberry fruit, finishing dry.	<b>2016</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2017-2029</b>
<b>2017:</b> barrel sample has mid ruby hue, lots of herb	<b>2017</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2021-2031</b>

and floral fruitiness, nicely perfumed and balanced,  
very fine. Will improve.

**2018:** vibrant purple gloss on a barrel sample, initially  
full of succulent fruit then becomes dry and linear  
but not heavy.

## Shiraz

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**2005** 86 **2006-2012**

**2006:** tasted at age 16 and still full of sweet red berry  
fruit, good colour, some development, spice, so  
balanced and smooth.

**2007:** great colour at age 15, perfumed dark fruit,  
earthy, wood note, long and still ripe, great finesse,  
delicious.

**2009:** Perfumed nose followed by silky smooth  
fruit which fills the mouth. Damsons, prunes and  
so rich. Pristine new world style in a softer, very  
lovely manner.

**2010:** terrific food wine, sinewy and lean rather than  
overblown. Good spicy fruit showing.

**2011:** dusty oak and dry, savoury notes over rich,  
layered fruit. Still needs time.

**2015:** shy on nose, big in mouth with spicy dark  
fruit impact yet nicely balanced and fleet of foot.

**2016:** quite deep, with mixed dark fruits, mulberry  
and plum, full bodied and still tight, needs two  
years more.

**2017:** glossy ruby depth, some grainy tannins under  
lush and elegant dark fruits, not a spicy style, but so  
enjoyable.

## Estate Red Blend

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**2015:** hedonistic full and sexy, with lace tannins,  
lush dark fruits, cedar support, smoky hint and  
great balance and length, a superb wine.

**2017:** opaque hue and smoky deep nose then  
full bodied soft and lush plum and mulberry  
notes, finishing dry. Will improve.

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**2017 92 2019-2030**

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**RRRR**

**2015:** garnet-ruby shine and very ripe nose, then  
balanced and very long lush dark berry fruits, wood  
note, elegant and clean finish.

**2015 94 2017-2030**

**Cape Vintage 500m**

**RRR**

**2006:** opaque, acetone over dark fruit nose,  
walnuts and raisons, smooth and balanced.  
No obvious alcohol, more a wine style but  
sweet, rich and very satisfying.

**2006 88 2008-2019**

**2008:** lowish sugar level, making it more  
restrained, lighter and accessible, lacks  
some complexity.

**2008 87 2008-2022**

**2012:** sweet, ripe fruit, lots of vanilla and ripe plum,  
warm, with 20.5% alcohol, but balanced and delicious.

**2012 88 2014-2025**

discontinued