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Historic home of great – and some of the first – Pinotage's in SA, with a friendly welcome and well-crafted wines.

Vintage Score best drinking

Sizanani Sauvignon Blanc R

2011: pale hue, green fig nose with firm acidity.
 Pleasant but short.

2011 78 2011-2015

Sauvignon Blanc R

2018: starts green and zesty, then shows some tropical notes, nicely weighty and with just enough acidity.

2008 76 2008-2011

2018 84 2018-2026

2019: straw hued, punchy clean nose of lychee, pineapple and lime with some cut grass classic freshness on the palate, packed with flavour. A big step up.

2019 91 2019-2027

2020: like licking a steel girder then plunging into nettles, citrus and rolling in grass, definitely not shy but hearty and compelling.

2020 88 2020-2028

Muscat d'Alexandrie R

2017: perhaps needing to open, but reserved and un-Muscat-like, almost Pinot Gris, very dry. Opened on second day to reveal chunky rich tones, much better, definitely one to give time.

2017 84 2017-2024

2018: very dry with perfumed forward aromas, pears and minerality, fades but good fun.

2018 85 2018-2025

Chenin Blanc SV

RR

	2008 84 2008-2012
2019: deeply hued, but floral and clean with peaches and pears and lovely mouthfeel.	2019 88 2019-2026
2020: initial SO2 reveals a tangy, orange rind and lime burst wine with a gentle cream and nut hint, still unwinding and will improve.	2020 90 2022-2029

Chardonnay

RR

2016: textured and gnarly, with marzipan notes and brightness, clean and enjoyable.	2016 82 2016-2025
2019: oxidative style with serious oak and lees notes, big and arresting with sinewy fruit and intoxicating appeal.	2019 90 2020-2029

Cinsault

R

2015: almost feral and reeks of Provence, smooth poise and class. Delicious.	2015 88 2015-2024
2017: pale hue, nice mouthfeel, cherry notes, tangy and lip-smacking.	2017 86 2017-2026
2018: perfumed with cranberry, raspberry, toffee and sweet vanilla, with fresh acidity, a wet pebble finish and some character.	2018 89 2018-2028

Petit Verdot

RRR

	2007 90 2009-2019
2009: inky hue, deep sweet nose, blueberries	2009 90 2010-2020

and game, tight acidity, medium weight and textured.

Atticus

RR

2004: mid ruby, vanilla and black fruits with herbs. Mid weight, appealing and finishing dry.

2004 88 2006-2017

2005 89 2005-2012

2016: spicy burst, blue fruits finishing more juicy and open, supple and inviting

2016 86 2016-2026

2018: blackberry and vanilla nose with oaky plum mix, dry and firm but opening to show ripe, friendly fruit.

2018 89 2019-2028

Tumara

RR

2005: deep ruby, complex nose of tobacco and cassis. Mid weight yet impressive fruit, quite alluring.

2005 89 2005-2017

Malbec

RR

2007 86 2007-2013

2008 80 2008-2012

2009: deep ruby, rosemary and eucalyptus with blackberries. Ripe and extracted, big and bold.

2009 87 2010-2018

2014: mid depth and weight, mint aromas and subtle blue fruits, rather reserved and easy-going.

2014 85 2015-2025

2015: very deep with fynbos and herbs, soft blue fruits yet with nice backbone.

2015 85 2016-2026

2016: fleshy with a hint of sinewy wood and mint, deep and very soft dark fruits, supple, effective and attractive.

2016 90 2017-2027

Pinotage

RR

2009: coconut and plums, vanilla and vibrant cherry and raspberry fruit. Ripe and lingering.	2009	91	2010-2022
2012: paler and showing some fade at six years, lighter red berry style, juicy feel, simple fun.	2012	85	2013-2023
2015: deep and juicy, very New World, with supple red fruits, nicely ripe.	2015	86	2016-2026
2016: showing its Pinot Noir heritage in delicious strawberry charm, with liquid liquorice density later, smooth and sensuous, very good.	2016	91	2017-2028
2018: smooth blue fruited, ripe and full and gentle, with mulberries and a hint of leather, delicious.	2018	91	2019-2029

Pinotage Reserve

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2016: very deep ruby, shy nose then silky and full mouthfeel, dark fruited with herbs and lush balanced enjoyment.	2016	91	2017-2028
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1953 Pinotage

RRR

2015: inky depth, lush, sexy fruit, generous mulberry and plum, lingering and complex.	2015	93	2016-2028
2016: rich, weighty nose, dark and smooth fruit, accessible but with enough structure.	2016	90	2017-2027
2017: deep plum gloss then generous dark blue fruits, plush and clean with smooth mouthfeel and long finish. Super.	2017	93	2018-2028

PK Morkel Pinotage

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	2006	93	2008-2018
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	2007	93	2009-2019
2010: explosive red berry fruit on entry, liquorice and blueberry, darker fruits following, silky mouthfeel, lozenge-like suppleness.	2010	91	2012-2026

Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon RRR

2018: sumptuous and deeply toned, with cigarbox, dusty tannins, liquid blackcurrant and lingering complexity, a lovely wine.	2018	93	2020-2030
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Shiraz R

	2003	90	2004-2014
2010: smoky, oak and pepper nose, mulberries and grippy tannins, sweet fruit and easy to drink.	2010	85	2010-2018
2015: deep mulberry hue, rich, mocha nose and lush tannins. Quite decadent and very enjoyable.	2015	88	2016-2027
2017: oak tannins, coffee and mocha notes, soft and easy, an acquired taste.	2017	80	2017-2024
2018: smoky and quite noticeable mocha nose over mixed feral dark fruit, rather modest and unshowy.	2018	87	2018-2025
2019: a heady mix of vanilla, undergrowth musty dark fruits, menthol and mint, big and bold yet finishing with harmony and sophistication.	2019	89	2020-2028