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WO; Stellenbosch / Western Cape

A popular market has added to the restaurant, café and art gallery on the estate and the tasting area is sleek, expansive but still welcoming. Lots of art to see and buy whilst enjoying the wine.



Vintage Score best drinking

Diva Rosé MCC

RR

2013: light, fruity nose, little brioche evident, fine mousse, persistent and crisp. Clean fruity flavours. Brut style.	2013	86	2013-2020
2015: very pale with bright citrus lemon notes, tight and firm and withdraws quickly.	2015	84	2015-2023
2017: pale with fine and long bubbles, floral yellow fruit nose and light lemony flavours, zesty and nicely weighted.	2017	87	2017-2027
2019: barely tinted, with a brief mousse and faint berry fruity notes, bone dry and firm but light and sinewy.	2019	87	2019-2028

White Zinfandel

RR

	2008	85	2008-2011
2009: hint of salmon hue, musty nose of dried rose petals, weightier than it looks.	2009	82	2009-2014
2011: exotic nose of red berry and acetone, with slight pink trace and full palate.	2011	84	2011-2019
2018: fresh crisp nose and so watery hue, grippy textured palate, lemon and green fruit base.	2018	87	2018-2024

Sauvignon Blanc RR

2011: gooseberries, nettles and wet grass with zippy acidity in a light, touch lean, style.	2011	80	2011-2014
2018: very pale with full green citrus notes, orange peel and peaches, finishing nicely oily and with some presence.	2017	86	2017-2026
2020: overt citrus, gooseberry and lime punch, viscous and bold with crunchy zest and a nice weighted mid palate.	2020	87	2020-2027

CS Viognier RR

2011: very pale, pear drops and acetone in a light, refreshing style. Very dry.	2011	82	2011-2015
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Chenin Blanc R

2011: watery hue, citrus fruit with tangy herbs and a simple, dry style.	2011	82	2011-2015
2020: watery depth, ripe fruit nose with strong nut and mealy note, muted stone fruits and steely finish, good weight.	2020	89	2021-2029

Landau R

2010: very pale, subdued aromas, simple fruit over grippy acidity. Drink young.	2010	78	2010-2014
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Landau semi-sweet R

2010: pale lemon, more off dry than sweet, light palate over citrus fruit.	2010	79	2010-2015
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CS Rosé R

2011: pale salmon hue, rose petal and cherry nose, very dry. Enjoyable and fruity.	2011 80 2011-2015
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Rosé RR

2019: mid pink and with a viscous, sweet nose, then despite dry statement, the 23g RS gives a raspberry, candied and off-dry mouthfeel.	2019 82 2019-2025
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CS Merlot RR

2014: sappy and gamey, showing too much age at four, bordering on volatile/oxidated, not in good health but just holding on to red berry fruit.	2014 81 2015-2020
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VS Merlot RR

	2005 85 2005-2012
2007: dry nose, subdued fruit showing its age, tannins overt making the finish puckering and lean	2007 80 2007-2013

Red Blend R

2019: juicy red berry nose and stewed note palate, forward and hearty yet not overblown.	2019 87 2020-2028
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Malbec RR

	2006 89 2007-2013
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2008: slightly dirty nose with overt equestrian notes: saddles, leather and horse; not at all Malbec like.

2008 83 2008-2014

2017: deep ruby with plummy mulberry jam nose, lighter, less full than before.

2017 85 2017-2028

2018: dusty red berry nose, serious with vanilla wood dryness, full and dark fruited, bold and satisfying.

2018 87 2019-2029

2019: mid hues and weighted, forward fruity nose then bright briary juicy dark fruits with smoke, ripe currants and focus.

2019 91 2020-2030

VS Cabriolet

RR

2005 90 2007-2018

2006: deeply coloured, notes of mint, cherry and eucalyptus. Slightly gamey and very dry, touch lean.

2006 84 2007-2017

2015: deep and rich, nicely balanced fruit and tannin but better in two years, clean and very good.

2015 88 2016-2026

2016: pale ruby hue, shy nose then deep and fresh blue fruits with cherry, juicy and forward.

2016 88 2017-2027

Zinfandel

RR

2005 90 2007-2014

2006 76 2007-2013

2007: obvious signs of ageing, tannins are overtaking the fruit leaving the wine lean and with none of the power or weight of Zinfandel.

2007 77 2008-2014

2010: mint and oak nose, savoury dry palate, full black fruited and textured.

2010 87 2011-2020

2017: perfumed, stylish and with cloves and cinnamon, less porty than previously.

2017 87 2017-2027

2018: mid depth and weight but opens to tangy

2018 91 2019-2029

full-fruited, pliant depths, blue currants and precise flavours.

Reserve Zinfandel RRR

2009: big and bold, with high alcohol (15.5%), rich porty dried fruit lushness and attack. Sturdy and compelling.	2009 88 2011-2020
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De Blaauwe Klip RR

2017: dark and heady, with dusty wood notes over wild currant briar, silky tannins on the palate, lush and sensual, and still improving.	2017 92 2020-2030
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VS Cabernet Sauvignon RR

2007: oak notes on a pleasant nose, cassis, cigar box but slightly lean and very dry.	2007 85 2007-2018
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Cabernet Sauvignon RR

	2005 89 2006-2012
2007: mid hued with some ageing, lighter bodied, dark fruit in an un-cabernet like style.	2007 82 2007-2013
2014: Old World restraint and sinewy leather, a touch green but still delightful.	2014 86 2014-2024
2017: dark fruited with smooth and accessible rich layers, balanced and hearty and very likeable.	2017 91 2019-2029
2018: deep, intensely coloured with dark fruity nose, quite seductive blackcurrant and oak notes, finishing very dry.	2018 87 2019-2028
2019: pale tones with a floral and lavender nose	2019 89 2021-2028

on this barrel sample, silky and lighter styled with hints of Cabernet Franc.

Shiraz RR

2009: sweet cherry and black fruit nose, spice and slightly burnt notes with grippy tannins.	2009	82	2009-2018
2014: shy nose, spicy blue fruit, very soft and easy to drink, not a heavyweight.	2014	85	2014-2024
2017: just mid depth with mixed red and blue fruits, smoky and spicy, lots of chalky tannins and hedgerow nuances, quite forward.	2017	87	2018-2027
2018: very dark with a shy nose then full mulberry and black forest fruits, dusky and supple and finishing nicely ripe.	2018	90	2019-2029

VS Shiraz RR

2006: mid hue, subdued nose of pepper and spice. Slight rubbery hint. Nice fruit over dry tannins.	2006	89	2007-2017
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Barouche Magnums RRR

	2007	84	2008-2013
	2008	83	2008-2014
	2009	85	2009-2018
2010: deep colour, musty, blue fruit nose, fuller palate with sweet fruit and a soft finish. Pleasant summer drinking.	2010	83	2010-2014

NLH Malbec 375m RRR

2009: sweet fruit nose, elegant and supple,	2009	89	2010-2018
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not cloying and a long, pleasant finish.		
2011: deep blue fruits, musty and firm yet, but opening to lush smooth enjoyment.	2011	90 2011-2022
2012: big stewed fruit red berry nose, mid weight, fresh and interestingly dry at the finish.	2012	88 2013-2024

NLH Zinfandel 375m RRR

2009: mid hues, forest fruit nose with oak hints. Cinnamon and rich, soft fruits, again light on the palate.	2009	89 2010-2019
2013: shy nose, deep rust coloured, full mouthfeel, tangy forest fruits and dried fig, Christmas pudding and tobacco, rich finish.	2013	91 2014-2023

Before And After RRR

2009: Not really a wine with its Brandy addition, but only 16% alcohol and included because it is full of sweet morello cherries, spice and just perfect for Christmas day.	2009	91 2010-2019
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