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Despite growing fame, and consistently awarded wines, Jacques and Reenan offer a casual and welcoming tasting, unpretentious, in rural

surroundings off the main road. The top Shiraz is an icon wine already. Reenan is making some exceptional small batch wines.

Vintage Score best drinking

Sauvignon Blanc

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2011: pale lime, aromas of nettles and gooseberry then fails on the palate, lacking body and intensity. An undemanding Summer drink.	2011	75	2011-2013
2014: very pale with expressive, grassy nose, fresh and lively acidity.	2014	84	2014-2020
2017: very pale, overt green fig nose, asparagus classic palate, lighter style.	2017	84	2017-2023
2018: full and very steely, with wet pebble muted tropical notes, robust and confident yet finely balanced.	2018	87	2018-2025
2019: overt and fresh green citrus, so pale but big and bold, rich and impressive.	2019	87	2019-2025
2020: pale hue belies its vivid and attractive tropical and guava fruit medley, overt and delicious, great value.	2020	91	2020-2027

Kottabos Chenin Blanc

RR

2018: pristine aromas of orange peel and mandarins, with a precise palate, balanced, so clean and layered, the length is remarkable. Will improve.	2018	93	2019-2029
2019: so taut and reserved in youth, but hinting at dried	2019	91	2021-2030

honey, marmalade and white pear depths, needs years
to relax its acidity, show its craft, richness and complexity.

Chardonnay

RR

	2008	72	2008-2011
	2009	73	2009-2011
2010: pale gold, citrus and vanilla aromas with softened acidity leaving a flabby wine. The palate lacks depth but offers a nice fruit salad.	2010	80	2010-2016
2013: a serious step up, full bodied, rich and long, bursting with quality fruit.	2013	91	2014-2022
2017: straw hue, wood hint, oily peach and gently tropical fruited palate, quite subtle but long.	2017	86	2017-2024
2018: creamy and wood nose then punching through comes profound fruit precision, lime and yellow fruit, crisp and clean just needing time.	2018	87	2018-2027
2019: oaky nose then full and expressive yellow fruits with a creamy hint, not too heavy.	2019	89	2020-2028
2020: a hint of sweet vanilla, textured wood backbone and barely ripe mango and cling peaches, fresh and frisky and not mushy.	2020	89	2020-2028

Kottabos Grenache/Syrah

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2018: pale and shiny bright, intense perfumed nose, violets and purple potpourri, graceful and distinguished with such compelling fruit precision. Wonderful.	2018	95	2019-2032
2019: glossy cherry hue, sweet red berry and strawberry nose then darker and nicely roasted on the palate, elegant and impossible to dislike, with seamless ease.	2019	91	2020-2030
2020: pale cherry shine, subtle ripe fruit nose and smooth, succulent spiced summer berry fruits, delicious and irresistible.	2020	92	2020-2030

Merlot

RR

	2006	77	2006-2011
2007: Deep hue, expressive vanilla and blue fruit nose, palate is overt but lacks integration. Leather, spice and dark fruits flavours.	2007	82	2007-2014
2011: mid depth and weight, earthy, truffle notes with a dry bite and deep red fruits.	2011	88	2011-2020
2016: mid cherry depth, vanilla note, leather and cherry forest floor, deep and chunky.	2016	87	2017-2025
2017: garnet hue, leafy, softer nose, sweet earth and dark berry layers, full but needing time to reveal.	2017	88	2019-2028
2018: heavily scented, deep and voluptuous, with succulent fruit, lace tannins and a definite green edge, quite intoxicating.	2018	89	2020-2029

Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot R

	2007	77	2007-2014
2008: Vanilla oak nose, plum and damson on the palate, with integrated tannins. Lacks depth of flavour, has overt acidity and finishes rather short	2008	82	2008-2014
2011: rich, plummy fruit with a cherry-bright nose, hidden oak and lovely balance.	2011	91	2012-2020
2015: bright and bold but accessible tannins showing some grip over earthy, mint and cassis notes.	2015	88	2016-2025
2017: glossy mid depth, lots of perfumed violets and forest floor, dry and tight yet with roasted meat and whole bunch fruit pleasure.	2017	87	2018-2027
2018: deep overripe mulberry and dark fruit notes in a smooth, velvety, plump and generous wine, certainly not shy.	2018	89	2019-2029
2019: glossy depth, opens with elegance and its mulberry and summer fruits finish with texture.	2019	90	2020-2029

Cabernet Sauvignon RR

	2006	85	2007-2013
2008: deep colour, subtle nose and hints of mulberry and herbaceousness. Rather austere, best drunk young.	2008	83	2008-2017
2011: deep ruby hue, dry, grippy tannins and classy, silky fruit with potential to excel.	2011	91	2012-2022
2015: deep purple richness, shy nose, clean and forward fruit with youthful tight structure, needs time.	2015	92	2016-2028
2016: heavily scented blueberry notes, whole bunch juiciness, easy to like with some grip on the mid palate and a supple finish.	2016	89	2017-2028
2017: ruby hue, ripe and overt fruit nose, dusty tannins and more grippy blue fruit palate with oak base.	2017	90	2018-2029
2018: lots of bold furry oak tannins on a chunky dark currant fruited wine, rugged and un-madeup.	2018	89	2019-2029

Syrah

RR

	2005	80	2005-2012
2008: almost opaque, aromas of pepper and black fruits with an intensity not found on the palate. Lean fruit and overt acidity dominate.	2008	80	2008-2014
2009: combines clean fruit power with silky elegance. A definite move into the first division.	2009	87	2010-2020
2012: opaque ruby, hugely perfumed with plums and violets, classy fruit with layered flavour. Very long.	2012	92	2012-2024
2013: still young but showing depth of fruit, brooding depth still to show.	2013	89	2014-2024
2016: perfumed violet nose, earth and mint blackberry pristine fruit, mulberry lushness, dry and fabulous.	2016	93	2017-2028
2017: purple gloss prettiness, perfumed seamless nose, lots of lavender and violets from whole bunch juicy exotic fruit with gentle spice and cedar.	2017	91	2018-2029
2018: bold red fruit and cherry front, lots of plum and mulberry essence with dry tannin finish, needs to breathe a while.	2018	92	2018-2030

2020: a touch edgy and bright and showing truer colours on day two of mellow plums, violets and mulberry perfume, spicy black currants and sour cherry. Needs time.	2020	90	2022-2030
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Conclusion

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	2006	86	2007-2016
2009: rich colour, complex nose, silky tannins and a full palate of mint, leather, mocha and spice. Lots going on, will age nicely	2009	90	2010-2019
2011: at age 8 has leather and ploughed field notes then rich, classy and layered pleasure, balanced harmonious and hiding 15% alcohol. Lovely.	2011	91	2013-2026
2012: big in every way, 15% alcohol, rustic, generous fruit not yet opened. Will improve.	2012	90	2016-2024
2015: sexy, smooth and subtle, yet with fine tannins and slowly opening fruit depth, needing time and will improve.	2015	93	2017-2030
2016: lovely sheen with pretty fruit notes then opens to rich and compelling fruit quality. Mixed blue berries with supportive wood, very fine.	2016	93	2018-2032
2018: mid depth with a serious, chewy stewed fruit core, rich and dry and slowly revealing its layers and length. Still improving.	2018	93	2018-2031

CWG Syrah

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	2006	87	2007-2014
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Epilogue Syrah

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2012: succulent and smooth with intense berry palate yet elegant and focussed. Outstanding.	2012	93	2013-2025
2013: too young yet, sweet vanilla oak, rich purple fruits, plummy dry finish, will be very	2013	90	2015-2025

special.

2015: silky smooth but with lots of structure and layers of complexity, very good indeed.	2015 93 2017-2030
2016: sweet nose, rich, black fruited layers, powerful, seductive and a balance of finesse and muscularity.	2016 94 2017-2029
2017: opaque with hedonistic dark fruit, violets and forest hint, soft, bold and ripe, with pristine fruit, alluring, harmonious, persistent and generous. Lace tannins support a suave and exceptional wine.	2017 97 2019-2035
2018: sumptuous perfumed nose of violets and summer scents, then Côte Rôtie silky mouthfeel, menthol and plum hint, lace tannins and endless fruit, complex and persistent. Still so young.	2018 96 2020-2035