

Camberley Wines

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WO; Stellenbosch

Charming family style wine farm, hidden off the main road, with small, friendly tasting room, casual atmosphere and no pressure attitude, art is created and presented here, which reflects on the labels.



Vintage Score best drinking

Sparkling Shiraz

RR

2004: dense hue, fine mousse, hints of farmyard and spice. Blackberries and herbs. Muscular and dry.

2004 90 2004-2012

2015: lighter than previously, with redder berry notes and a softer approach

2015 84 2015-2022

Noisy Grape Pink Chenin Blanc R

2019: copper tinted dry fun wine, leaner style red berry and light yellow fruits, quite bracing.

2019 84 2019-2024

2020: barely tinted, ripe strawberry burst nose, dry and light and fluffy if fleeting.

2020 85 2020-2025

Prohibition White

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Watery hue and a light, crowd pleasing style for early consumption and a braai.

NV 75 1-3 years

Prohibition Red

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Dense, dusty plum nose with dry tannins and juicy fruit, over delivers at the price.	NV	83	1-5 years
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Celebration

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2014: bright and forward Shiraz with mixed berries and some Cabernet bite, but overall supple and attractive. 15% alcohol but in balance.	2014	87	2015-2027
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Cabernet Franc

RRR

2010: nice raspberry and burnt cherry nose, silky palate with depth and an edgy fruit note.	2010	89	2011-2020
2014: restrained, with sinewy texture and layers of elegant fruit, quite European. Very classy.	2014	92	2016-2026
2018: medium depth and body, spicy, friendly nose and accessible juicy berry fruits finishing dry and soft.	2018	89	2019-2028

Pinotage

RR

2010: opaque, perfumed violets, plum and oak then silky and tangy flavours. Opulent, mouthfilling and sweet. Better in 2/3 years but gorgeous now.	2010	94	2012-2020
2016: very deep, vanilla and plum, fruity but with depth and length. Quite soft and accessible.	2016	87	2016-2026
2017: hints of leather over a big and fruity, damson berried dark and serious wine, clean and honest.	2017	89	2018-2027

Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot

RRR

	2004	92	2004-2018
	2005	91	2005-2017
	2006	92	2006-2019

2009: leafy blueberries then precise cassis and cedar. Serious and profound, immensely enjoyable.

2009 93 2011-2019

2014: competent, with approachable fruit and some structure, if lacking harmony.

2014 89 2015-2023

2018: forest floor and wild fruit nose, juicy soft mixed fruits, smooth and satisfying if straightforward.

2018 87 2019-2025

Illusion

RR

NV: actually 2014 and '15, Pinotage, almost frizzante so energetic and forward fruity, nice and bright.

NV 86 1-10 years

Philosopher's Stone

RR

2007 91 2007-2018

2009: dusty tannins and green leaf suggesting hold for 2/3 years then enjoy bright, forward fruit.

2009 85 2013-2018

2014: matured 3 years before release, with hardly noticed 16% alc, a deep, rich wine.

2014 90 2015-2025

2016: hint of green leaf initially, then a touch hot bold cassis punch, full and long and very pleasant.

2016 87 2017-2026

Cabernet Sauvignon

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2013: sweet fruited, obvious tertiary notes with stew hint, tobacco, wood and herbs

2013 88 2014-2026

Charisma

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2006 92 2008-2018

2008: mid depth, shy nose of mint and berry with forest and musk. Enjoyable but lacking

2008 85 2009-2017

generosity.

Shiraz

RRR

	2007	92	2008-2019
2010: Exciting, wild berry and pepper notes, rich plummy fruit explodes in the mouth, opulent, full of character and promising quality to come. Seductive and habit forming.	2010	95	2012-2022
2015: mid depth, vanilla, wood hint and perfumed violets, delightful and sexy, balanced and delicious. Balanced despite 15.5% alcohol.	2015	90	2016-2027
2016: still elegant and seamless, but feeling bigger and firmer than the '15. Good oak, lots of mulberry comfort, full and not too spicy.	2016	91	2017-2028
2017: very deeply hued, slightly stinky nose then silky and ripe dark fruits with gentle tannins, nice intensity and balance.	2017	90	2018-2028

Fields of Gold Shiraz

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2016: sweetly fruited nose, nimble and structured, serious, well balanced and slowly revealing smooth, dark mulberry richness.	2016	92	2018-2029
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Fifth Element

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2008: shy, minty elegant nose and alluring fruit opens slowly. Focussed and balanced and very refined.	2008	93	2010-2019
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Elixir

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2005: stewed raisin nose then soft, warm and enveloping plump fruit. Like snuggling in a duvet. Delicious.	2005	93	2006-2018
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