

Cavalli Estate

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Modern, plush and elegant, another estate built around the love of horses, with quickly expanding wine range. Inviting verandas, great views, art and food.



Vintage Score best drinking

Capriole MCC

RRR

2015: despite 2 years on lees, totally fruit driven and hugely green apple based. Large mousse, short lived.	2015	83	2015-2022
2016: very pale and not overly yeasty, with bright lemony fruit, a quickly settling mousse and a light fresh style.	2016	85	2016-2026
2017: little colour and faintly brioche nose, more fruity and zesty style, with dry lemony notes and pleasant mouthfeel.	2017	86	2017-2027
2018: bright but fast fading mousse, nutty dry nose, apple citrus light palate, crisp if fleeting.	2018	86	2018-2028

White Knight

R

2013: bright and forceful, with green citrus attack and some texture.	2013	82	2013-2018
2014: zippy and tangy, just medium weight, not too serious.	2014	84	2014-2019
2017: pale hue, crisp and frisky with tropical fruits and a pleasant, lighter style.	2017	84	2017-2023
2018: watery pale, yellow fruit nose, mango and unripe peach with a citrus bite, light, clean and focussed.	2018	87	2018-2027
2019: lots of fresh green fruits, quite viscous and	2019	89	2020-2028

weighty despite absence of oak, pleasant stone fruits.			
2020: lemony bright citrus punch, crisp stone fruit notes, pleasant and refreshing.	2020	86	2020-2027

Filly Chenin Blanc RR

2017: finely crafted, green apple and marzipan, dry and tangy, not complicated.	2017	86	2018-2026
2018: little depth, weighty and full stone fruit nose, vanilla and tropical hint, fresh peaches in a lozenge-like style.	2018	86	2018-2027
2019: full bodied and rich, with yellow fruits, herbs and some minerality, finishing soft and easy.	2019	90	2019-2028
2020: all of its 13.5% alcohol, lush warm yellow fruits, honeycomb, lees and new wood vanilla make a substantial wine built to age.	2020	91	2021-2029

Cremello RR

2013: extra weight from Verdelho with green bite and a fuller finish. Very pleasant.	2013	85	2013-2019
2015: oak background, very dry with grippy acidity and floral notes.	2015	83	2015-2023
2016: mid straw hue, nicely glossy, wood and tropical notes throughout, fresh stone fruits in a floral and viscous style.	2016	87	2016-2026
2017: stand-out vintage, weighty nose of creamy oats, then tangy orange, mandarin and peach, lush and complex, delicious.	2017	92	2019-2028

Pink Pony Rosé R

2013: very pale, with ripe red fruit and a very dry finish.	2013	83	2013-2018
2015: mid pink with oaky hint and sweet nose, Light, brief and finishes dry.	2015	80	2015-2021

2018: copper tinged with a dry red berry nose, spicy floral crunch and a ripe fruit finish, very nice.	2018	86	2018-2025
2019: nicely tinted carmine, bold perfumed nose, dry raspberry and dusty strawberry, rich but not heavy.	2019	88	2019-2027

Vendetta RR

2016: big and bold, heavily perfumed, lots of peach and honey and savoury bite.	2016	84	2016-2025
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Roan Red RR

2016: dark plum ruby depth, earthy ripe black fruits, dusty tannins and soft ripeness, very nice.	2016	90	2017-2027
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Warlord RRR

2009: oak in control now, and dominating fruit, classy, but drying out.	2009	84	2009-2017
2016: deeply hued, dusty plum fruit, inky and generous, for easy drinking with pleasant finish.	2016	86	2017-2026
2017: mid hue and depth, mixed red and blue berry notes, forward and fruity with quality wood support and berry finish.	2017	88	2018-2027
2018: nicely rustic hedgerow fruits, soft and ripe with elegant but powerful plum intensity. The best yet.	2018	92	2019-2029

Colt RR

2015: deep, rich nose, ripe fruit, spice and hedgerow, needs time.	2015	86	2017-2024
2016: mid garnet hue, not heavy, fruity nose, cream hint and blue fruits, easy-going.	2016	87	2016-2025
2017: wood notes arise, savoury currants and	2017	91	2018-2028

smoky vanilla over dark fruits and dusty tannins,
so smooth throughout.

Black Beauty

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	2012	84	2012-2020
2013: deeply hued with ripe and plump dark fruits, forward and approachable.	2013	82	2014-2023
2015: ultra jammy, dry with tannins showing at finish, lots of currants and plum, but lightweight.	2015	80	2016-2023
2016: mid depth with an overt juicy fruited nose, soft and dark blackberry comfort on the palate, fleshy and gentle.	2016	87	2017-2027
2018: pale depth, juicy and forward blue and black fruits, excellent valued stylish medium bodied everyday drinking.	2018	92	2019-2029

Night Mare

RR

2015: mid weight and lightfooted, opens slowly to a rustic, spicy mixed fruit wine.	2015	83	2015-2024
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Rogue Horse

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2010: touch of classic banana and acrylic, with spicy black fruit following.	2010	85	2010-2020
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Valkyrie

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2014: deep purple hue, blue fruited nose and almost lozenge-like juicy dark fruits.	2014	85	2015-2025
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