

Chateau Libertas

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The Bergkelder offers a must-do tour, offering visual delight, historic museum and aging wines, available to purchase. This popular brand, steeped in the wine development of SA, still packs a punch and is made with lots of love and care.

Vintage Score best drinking

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2005: tasted at 10 years, elegant, smooth, firm acid and rich fruit, superb.	2005	92	2005-2020
	2007	85	2008-2014
2008: deep hue, cherry notes and fruity, forward style, stylish and addictive.	2008	89	2008-2018
	2009	85	2009-2018
2010: surprisingly silky and with a smooth charm full of juicy Cabernet dominant fruit. Not so simple and delivering lots of flavour.	2010	86	2010-2020
2011: nice dark berry fruited with Shiraz prominent. Crowd pleasing, and with above average interest.	2011	85	2012-2020
2012: juicy and supple, another dark fruited, spicy bargain. Too easy to drink.	2012	85	2012-2021
2013: pungent liquorice nose, attack on sides of mouth with softish tannins. Lacks some identity.	2013	83	2013-2020
2014: creamy, charming mouthfeel, elegant, nicely restrained fruit, perfect food wine. Quite classy.	2014	86	2014-2023
2015: could be another 2005, rich fruit, balanced, elegant and so persistent. Needs time.	2015	90	2016-2028
2016: slightly more leafy and a lighter style than the stunning 2015, but still smooth and	2016	87	2016-2026

delightful.		
2017: darker fruit and less leafy than '16, nice harmony of varietals, full and fruit driven and very satisfying.	2017	87 2018-2027
2018: dusty red berry, cranberry and unripe raspberry notes with soft, silky smooth vanilla feel, lighter and tighter than '17.	2018	88 2019-2027
2019: juicy red berry fruit and vanilla note nose, tealeaf, strawberries and cream with a distant wood backbone, so drinkable.	2019	87 2020-2028
2020: full and juicy, with dark smooth fruit, a spice, white pepper and bitter mocha touch and difficult to dislike.	2020	87 2020-2028
2021: stylish and quite old world in its layering of subtle small berry flavours, harmony and sweet oak support.	2021	89 2021-2029