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WO: Stellenbosch / Western Cape

The setting is wonderful, the restaurant is very popular and food and wine pairings, sitting over the edge of vines takes some beating.



Vintage Score best drinking

Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc RR

2011: very pale, big froth, zippy citrus fruit
then dry but creamy green fruit finish.

2011 82 2011-2015

Ellie Rosé MCC RR

2013: deep gold/rose hue, very brief mousse,
softish and comforting, quite rich and with subdued
red berry base.

2013 87 2013-2023

2016: similarly a copper brown hue, lots of gentle
brioche with frontal dried yellow fruits and mineral
hint.

2016 86 2016-2026

2017: gentle colouring, lively but brief mousse, tight
berry flavours, firm and punchy, less brioche than
previously.

2017 87 2017-2027

Sauvignon Blanc RR

2011: dense, thick nose, creamy softened
acid style, clean fruit.

2011 84 2011-2018

2017: very pale, overt citrus punch, opening
and smooth in the mouth with developing citrus
hint.

2017 84 2017-2024

2018: pale tinge, warm and exotic fruit nose, stone fruits, and some flattened citrus, feeling rather soft.	2018 85 2018-2025
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2019: very pale but with a forward lemony and tropical fruit weight, stony, creamy and fuller at the finish, with easier acidity.	2019 89 2019-2027
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Chardonnay RR

2011: bright citrus nose, overt aromas, light zesty but short.	2011 84 2011-2017
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2017: shy nose, hint of wood with full nutty and peach flavours, very nice.	2017 84 2017-2026
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2018: pale and feeling light with delicate yellow fruits, the barest touch of wood, clean, fresh if brief.	2018 86 2018-2027
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Merlot RR

2015: ripe, dark fruit nose, mixed berry palate, juicy and easy-going, if brief.	2015 85 2015-2024
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2017: dusty, smoky tannins rise of a very soft and dark fruited wine, which has more tangy bite on the palate.	2017 86 2018-2027
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Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot RR

2014: bright, appealing nose, good oak integration and ripe fruit over grippy tannins.	2014 86 2014-2025
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2015: mid garnet, red berry and vanilla nose, dry wood tannins, savoury and earthy.	2015 86 2016-2025
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2017: mid weighted with dusty tannins and ripe plum and forest fruits, easy-going and pleasant.	2017 87 2017-2026
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Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz RR

2010: deeply coloured, dark spicy nose, deep plums and vanilla with lush mocha and cassis fruit.	2010	88	2011-2019
2013: dark ruby, smooth and full, darkly fruited and rich, quite muscular.	2013	86	2013-2022
2014: deep ruby hue, sweet nose, black bramble notes, wood evident, spicy, soft and juicy.	2014	86	2014-2024
2016: very deep hue, sweet fruit and oak nose, wood tannins, plums and mulberries and less spicy, quite elegant.	2016	88	2017-2027

Devonet Cape Blend R

2010: sweet oak hints with dark spicy fruit, nicely restrained and quite classy.	2010	84	2010-2022
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Pinotage Le Café RR

2011: dark as night, plums and spice with mocha coffee, but not overpowering coffee style.	2011	86	2011-2019
2012: coffee beans and chocolate as expected, over soft, easy going fruit for early enjoyment.	2012	84	2012-2020
2013: accessible and rounded, with dark fruit not overpowered by mocha and bitter chocolate notes.	2013	84	2013-2023
2015: mid ruby, not overtly mocha on the nose, but huge on the palate, dry, cedar and oh-so coffee finish.	2015	84	2015-2024
2016: mauve hue, smoky tobacco nose, mocha comes late after full and juicy dark fruit salad.	2016	89	2017-2027
2018: nicely restrained coffee mocha hint, juicy, pliant fruits, staying light and enjoyable.	2018	87	2018-2027

Pinotage Reserve RR

2010: opaque mulberry, rich, smooth and all silky liquorice. Oak support, ripe tannins and sheer class.	2010	93	2010-2020
2014: overt nose, dark juicy fruit, dense and sensual, long and layered.	2014	91	2015-2025
2016: opaque hue, dark ripe silky fruits, full bodied yet mellow, balanced and juicy, delightful.	2016	90	2017-2026

Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve RRR

2016: bright berry nose, great depth, lots of ripe smooth fruit with real tannin hold, opens slowly to lush expression.	2016	92	2018-2028
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Auret RR

2009: grippy, dry tannins, complex subtle flavours, vanilla from touch of US oak and rich, ripe black fruit.	2010	92	2010-2020
2014: pongy nose, revealing smoky deep cherry and hedgerow fruits, plummy, rustic and velvety smooth.	2014	92	2015-2025
2016: mid ruby depth, ripe fruit nose, clean, dry, bramble fruited over oak, soft and charming.	2016	89	2017-2026

Spirit of Malverne RRR

2015: inky depth, oak, notes dry and spicy, with black plum fruit, finishing long and delightfully.	2015	92	2016-2026
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Honeydew Dessert Wine R

NV: muscat based and very pale, smells fruity and	NV	87	1-6 years
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sweet but just off-dry, well balanced alcohol (16%)

bright, clean and great with Liver pâté.
