

Croydon Vineyard

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Winemaker(s): Rikus Neethling

WO; Stellenbosch



Set amid, and owned by, a residential gated community, vines are spread between roads and houses. Wines are commercial level, but tastings are personal and residents can wander through the rows.

Vintage Score best drinking

Covenant MCC Brut

RR

2016: unusually Semillon based with green waxy notes, a light froth, refreshing but brief.

2016 84 2016-2024

Covenant Sauvignon Blanc

R

2017: nicely overt, with green citrus burst in a lightish, easy drinking style.

2017 84 2017-2024

2018: overt and bold fruited, lots of lemony mineral attack, clean and pure and quite impressive.

2018 90 2018-2026

Title Deed Rosé

R

2013: deeply hued with suprising bite and dry tannins over serious fruit.

2013 83 2013-2017

2017: glossy carmine hue, bright, touch syrupy but finishing dry, pleasant glugger.

2017 80 2017-2023

2018: very slight tint, tactile Turkish delight notes, bone dry and refreshing.

2018 84 2018-2024

Covenant Chenin Blanc

R

2017: gentle yellow fruits, quite brisk, feeling watery and needing body.	2017	80	2017-2023
2018: straw hue, mid weight with full fruited palate, creamy lees richness and classic green fruit acidity.	2018	87	2018-2028

Title Deed Chenin Blanc R

2018: very pale despite light oaking, citrus tang, just mid body, interesting if brief.	2018	83	2018-2024
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Title Deed Cape Blend RR

2012: textured savoury grip and dry entry if finishing a touch short.	2012	84	2012-2019
2016: soft, approachable and dark fruited, pleasant and honest if unremarkable.	2016	82	2017-2025
2017: sweet plum nose, deep and richly fruited, dark and earthy and warming, satisfying and with impact.	2017	87	2018-2027

Merlot R

2017: cherry hue, slight mocha and red berry flavours, quite grippy and with unfolding ripe fruit impact.	2017	87	2018-2027
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Portion 20 RR

2009: losing fruit now, with attack coming from dry oak and leaving a touch bitter. Drink soon.	2009	85	2010-2017
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Pinotage RR

2012: needs time to lose a slightly rough edge and dry tannins. Will improve.	2012	85	2012-2020
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2016: soft and easy-going, with gentle tannins and hints of wood, dark and blueberry scented.

2016 84 2016-2023

2017: opaque depth, perfumed sweet fruited nose, full, dry and intense dark hedgerow fruit medley, needs time.

2017 88 2019-2028

Shiraz

R

2016: lots of gentle bramble fruit with dark cherry notes, smooth and gluggable.

2016 86 2016-2026

2017: brooding nose of pepper, spice and blackberry, dry and with bright acid balance, mouthwatering, bold and impressive.

2017 90 2018-2028

