

## De Trafford Wines

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Vintage    Score    best drinking

### Chenin Blanc

RRR

<b>2010:</b> pale lime, green apples and rich, ripe fruit. Quite mouthfilling and with a long finish.	<b>2010</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2010-2018</b>
<b>2014:</b> full of winemaking, lots of lees effect, barrel effect and all adding richness and interest.	<b>2014</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2014-2022</b>
<b>2018:</b> glossy straw hue, creamy bright nose, linear orange, lemon and peach freshness, linear and clean.	<b>2018</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>
<b>2019:</b> hessian textured and restrained, almost muted fruit with real substance and vinosity, needing time to really show.	<b>2019</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2021-2029</b>

### Chenin Blanc Skin Contact

RRR

<b>2018:</b> straw coloured and with clean and precise bright yellow fruits, rich and tangy though agile and persistent.	<b>2018</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2020-2029</b>
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### Cinsaut

RRR

<b>2019:</b> pale glossy shine and brightly perfumed, very attractive and with nimble focussed fruit, classy and generous and quite fine.	<b>2019</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2020-2029</b>
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## Merlot

RRR

<b>2014:</b> perfumed nose over deep mauve shine, vibrant fruit, oak hint and ripe expression, balanced and suave.	<b>2014</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2015:</b> quite deep and with an overt berry nose, then oak support and healthy acidity on a juicy, fruit driven and big wine. Very good.	<b>2015</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>

## Cabernet Sauvignon

RRR

	<b>2008</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2008-2016</b>
<b>2009:</b> mid hues, hints of forest fruit, not overtly cassis, nice tannin balance but will improve.	<b>2009</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2011-2022</b>
<b>2013:</b> overt, touch jammy nose, hints of iodine with juicy dark spicy fruit.	<b>2013</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2013-2026</b>
<b>2016:</b> opaque, with dry tannins and serious cassis and cedar chunky notes, tight and intense and long, just needing time. Will improve.	<b>2016</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
<b>2017:</b> inky depth, intense fruit core, dry and dusty tannins, ripe yet restrained savoury blue fruits, great balance.	<b>2017</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2019-2030</b>

## The Drawing Board

RRR

<b>2016:</b> lots of violets and lavender perfume, blue fruited, currants and vanilla with cherry bite, quite exotic.	<b>2016</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>
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## Blueprint Syrah

RRR

	<b>2008</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2008-2014</b>
<b>2012:</b> sexy nose and clean fruit palate which opens and keeps giving yet has elegance and restraint.	<b>2012</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2013-2025</b>
<b>2017:</b> deep ruby depth and serious bluefruit nose,	<b>2017</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>

some dark wood support and dry tannins though  
agile and fruit driven throughout.

## Syrah 393 ( previously 'Shiraz') RRRR

	1998	85	1998-2010
	1999	80	1999-2010
	2000	85	2000-2011
	2001	90	2003-2014
	2002	85	2002-2011
	2004	87	2004-2012
	2005	88	2005-2018
	2006	88	2006-2014
	2007	89	2008-2019
	2008	93	2010-2022
<b>2009:</b> opaque, humble nose just waiting to burst, rich, complex palate of spice and blackberry, silky tannins but there enough to last. Will improve.	2009	93	2011-2024
<b>2016:</b> inky dark, with rich mulberry nose, very dry and clean, streaked throughout with elegance and vibrancy, very stylish.	2016	93	2018-2029
<b>2017:</b> opaque hue and ripely fruited nose, fine blue forest fruits with intensity, lace tannins and rich rather than peppery or spicy, elegant and refined.	2017	92	2019-2030

## Elevation 393 RRRR

<b>2012:</b> still opaque at age seven, with bold forward juicy fruit, vanilla and gentle wood, finely crafted and silky, deft and alluring. Needs time to open.	2012	94	2014-2028
<b>2014:</b> dark as night and with a hint of leafy savoury red berries and fruitcake, juicy and full yet not overblown, but layered, finely crafted and cerebral.	2014	94	2016-2029