

Dornier Wines

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Expansive collection of interesting buildings, lovely setting, food and large tasting rooms in feature building.

Vintage Score best drinking

Cocoa Hill Sauvignon Blanc R

	2008	85	2008-2011
2011: pale yellow, tropical fruit cocktail in a lighter style, not the herbaceous style at all.	2011	83	2011-2014
2017: delightfully floral and refreshing, with white citrus notes, enough weight and fruit, very nice.	2017	87	2017-2024
2018: bright and breezy citrus punch, grassy and green, rather brief but enjoyable and will settle.	2018	85	2019-2024
2019: straw bright, some spritz of youth, tropical fruit in a simple but satisfying way.	2019	85	2019-2025
2020: less spritzy than '19, with good weight, clean fruity palate and some satisfaction.	2020	86	2020-2026
2022: lots of green fruit, lime essence and slate minerality, subtle and quite poised.	2022	87	2022-2027

Cocoa Hill Chenin Blanc R

	2008	84	2008-2012
2011: pale lime hue, savoury herbs and grippy acidity, rather light and short.	2011	83	2011-2014
2018: pale straw with fullish mouthfeel, ripe orange and quince fruit, dried pear and hint of sweetness.	2018	87	2018-2026
2019: softer styled, with warm tropical fruits,	2019	85	2019-2027

nicely weighted if brief and very fruity.

2020: easy-drinking but still with texture, lemony apple fruit, some damp hay notes, nice mouthfeel and good value.	2020	87	2020-2028
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Dornier BV Chenin Blanc RR

2011: pale lime, quiet nose, touch leasy with slight unripe apple notes. Nice weight and mouthfeel.	2011	83	2012-2014
2017: straw depth, soft, creamy nose then juicy and rich layered quince and lime fruits, very good.	2017	90	2018-2027
2018: wonderful version, richly layered, orange cream and hessian textured generosity, ripe and layered and lovely.	2018	92	2020-2029

Moordenaarskloof Chenin Blanc RRR

2017: full and viscous, with spice notes and apple fruit finishing more focussed.	2017	86	2017-2027
2019: bold, forward yellow fruited, lemony and bright with fresh, dry allure, layered and vibrant.	2019	91	2010-2029
2020: finer, more precise than the Bush Vine, with restrained elegance, rapier-like fruit and orange blossom notes.	2020	91	2021-2030

Dornier Semillon RR

2016: luscious nose of waxy lemongrass, full bodied and layered richness, lime and pears, balanced, fresh and long.	2016	93	2018-2027
2017: needs time to reveal clean yellow fruits and classic oily waxiness. Fresh and precise and will improve.	2017	91	2019-2028
2018: straw hue, some floral and hay notes, creamy lees richness, peach and orange, good weight and focus.	2018	91	2019-2029
2019: mid straw with classic damp hay and white blossom	2019	93	2021-2030

nose, savoury ripe fruit, balanced, compelling and full of character.

Donatus White

RR

	2007	89	2007-2012
2010: intense, creamy nose but light on the palate. Lots of fresh tropical fruit, especially pears and peaches.	2010	85	2011-2018
2016: light gold with full expressive green fruits, nicely weighted and layered. Very Good.	2016	89	2016-2026
2017: glossy straw, lots of savoury texture with waxy cheese finish after tangy orange salad. Interesting.	2017	88	2018-2027

Cocoa Hill Rosé

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	2008	84	2008-2014
2011: pale pink, very dry with raspberry fruit and red roses. Simple summer quaffer.	2011	81	2011-2016
2015: pale copper pink, bright and satisfyingly dry, with red berry notes, quickly fading.	2015	79	2015-2023
2019: copper red with juicy fruity nose then dry and fleshy mouthfeel and some earthy mineral bite.	2019	83	2019-2024
2020: copper hued and with dusty dry red berry fruit, crunchy and hearty and with a dry, almost steely finish.	2020	85	2020-2026

Cocoa Hill Red

R

	2006	75	2006-2009
2009: mid hued, meaty, spicy nose. Good supportive tannins in a simple style and a touch bitter.	2009	83	2009-2017
2016: soft and juicy yet showing full spicy red berry and mint depths, great value.	2016	86	2016-2025
2017: opaque ruby with dark spicy fruit and earth	2017	88	2018-2027

tones, bold and nicely rustic, very New World
and great value.

2018: overt juicy berry nose, very deep and full of friendly blackberry and spice, very dry and slightly charred finish.	2018	87	2019-2028
2019: feels dominated by Shiraz, full and brimming with charcoal and vanilla backed black fruits, generous if blunt.	2019	88	2020-2028
2020: again, the charred meat, mocha note over dark and spicy mixed fruit, a crowd pleaser.	2020	87	2020-2028

Tempranillo Reserve

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2016: ruby intensity and with wood from 44 months in barrel showing as leafy and savoury behind blackcurrant and raspberry tones, delicious.	2016	91	2018-2028
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Dornier Merlot

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	2004	88	2004-2009
2006: deep purple hue, sour cherry nose with a rustic feel and nice fruit under a dry finish.	2006	83	2006-2014
2016: deep garnet hue, fruity with spice and tangy mixed berries, overt and with some earthy grip, finishing lighter.	2016	89	2017-2027
2017: deeply hued with reserved nose and firm grip then opens to dark fruited comfort, just needs time.	2017	88	2019-2027

Petit Verdot

RR

2015: opaque with firm structure and mixed forest berries. Fine and unpretentious, needing time.	2015	91	2016-2026
2016: ruby-mauve, with fine and focussed fruit, lace	2016	90	2017-2027

tannins and some smoky red berry and wood, tight and yet elegant.

Dornier Pinotage RR

	2007	89	2007-2012
2010: opaque, black fruit nose, sweet fruit hidden behind tannins – needs 2/3 more years.	2010	86	2010-2018
2015: overt nose and blue tint with dark berry and liquorice bite, tangy and firm, with blueberry lingering in pleasant way.	2015	89	2016-2026
2016: ruby hue with bright blue fruited nose, linear and fresh rather than soft and warm, staying dry and slinky throughout.	2016	86	2017-2027

Dornier Malbec RR

2016: inky dark ruby then fleshy and juicy fun, some wood and leafy note opening to lush blue fruited depths.	2016	87	2017-2027
2017: black depths and a pongy nose then spicy and brusque dark fruits, lots of wood and grippy tannins, still young.	2017	89	2019-2029

Dornier Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot RR

2009: dark cherry colour, sweet nose of rustic forest fruit; especially blackberries. Supportive tannins, drinking nicely now.	2009	86	2009-2019
2016: very deeply hued and serious, some spice and herb notes over dark and dry dusty fruit.	2016	87	2017-2026

Dornier Cabernet Sauvignon RR

	2005	88	2005-2010
2006: deeply hued, quiet nose of cassis, slightly 'green' flavours and lean tannins, drink soon.	2006	85	2008-2013

Equanimity Cabernet Sauvignon RR

2015: lots of herbs over a blue berried compote, quite tangy and dry, but not too firm.	2015	90	2016-2027
2016: deep ruby, serious nose then forward cassis and cedar, dry yet balanced already, will improve and reveal lush classy fruit.	2016	91	2018-2028

Siren Syrah RR

2015: melange of cedar, mint and herbs with plump juicy fruit, soft and accessible.	2015	91	2016-2026
2016: deep ruby and overtly perfumed, violets, pepper and plums with supportive oak, very good.	2016	92	2017-2028
2017: fruity, forward nose and earth tones, spice and dusky dark currant flavours, assertive and satisfying.	2017	90	2019-2028

Donatus Red RRR

	2004	90	2005-2014
2007: opaque, subdued nose. Black fruit and spice and smooth mouthfeel. Savoury and more structured than overt.	2007	89	2009-2018
2012: inky still with little fading, herbs, savoury aged lean fruit and meat. Cerebral.	2012	90	2013-2024
2016: some depth then fresh mixed red berry nose, textured and grippy, with plum and cherry flavours, still tight and needing 2 years plus to show its class.	2016	91	2019-2028

CMD Red

RRR

2012: richly hued, musty and musky, brooding
and still revealing layers, serious and classy.

2012 92 2013-2024**Froschkönig Natural Sweet**

RRR

2016: unctuous and rich, with a bold apricot and
hazelnut nose, honeyed, seductive and yet balances
its 176g/l of sugar. Pure decadence.

2016 92 2016-2028