

Edgebaston Wines

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WO; Stellenbosch

There is a family feel to this producer of carefully sourced grapes, David and Pieter have a consistent entry level range and a top quality Camino flight, as well as Pieter's own Sanniesrust wines and Rough Diamond Project (see separate entry).



Vintage Score best drinking

Sauvignon Blanc

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2018: overt and vibrant, with big granadilla flavours throughout, weighty and mouthfilling.	2018	87	2028-2026
2019: weighty and with unctuous texture, all wet pebbles and mandarin, not overly crisp but with personality.	2019	88	2019-2028
2020: finer and lighter than '19, with lemon-green tint, lip-smacking citrus and steely mineral crunch, dry and perfectly balanced.	2020	88	2020-2028

The Berry Box White

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2018: floral notes and mixed yellow fruits, clean and juicy, easy-going.	2018	85	2018-2026
2019: gently perfumed Viognier lifts the fruits on this appealing, nicely firm, wine, a floral melange.	2019	86	2019-2027

Chardonnay

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2016: malo hint with piercingly clean exotic fruits, pineapple and tangerine, fresh, tangy and precise.	2016	89	2017-2026
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2017: lighter version than '16, with less malo butteriness, softened freshness and lots of quality fruit expression.

2017 86 2017-2026

2018: oaky nose, pale gold depths, rich and smooth and layered with peach, orange, pear and citrus, full mouthfeel, balanced and cerebral. Very special.

2018 92 2019-2029

2020: delightfully nimble and very pretty, restrained wood on a finely fruited wine, pineapple, hazelnuts and lime with a long creamy sherbet finish.

2020 93 2021-2029

Camino Africana OV Chenin Blanc

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2016: fresh and arresting, yet with such layered depths of peachy viscous richness. Deep and seductive finishing with focus and elegance. Superb.

2016 93 2017-2028

2018: straw hued with a slowly revealing nose of honey, quince and nuts, generous and layered in complexity and pristine fruit. Needs time to improve. World class.

2018 95 2019-2030

2019: focussed and very fine, softened by creamy richness but still rapier green and yellow fruit, great balance and harmony. Still to show.

2019 92 2021-2030

Sanniesrust Grenache Blanc

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2020: faintly rusty copper toned, lots of hessian texture, full of character, dried peel, candied dried fruits, pear skin, mineral and expressive.

2020 91 2020-2027

Sanniesrust Cinsault

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2018: Palely dusty red hue, light feel with forward juicy fruit and a lively, berry 'sweet-shop' like finish.

2018 87 2019-2027

Sanniesrust Grenache

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2017: bigger mouthfeel than expected on this pretty, dark red berried wine, with impact yet staying delicate and fine and quite classy.	2017	91	2018-2028
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Pinot Noir RR

2015: glossy and pale, cherries and earth hint, ripe fruit of red berry compote, good acid balance and freshness, with length.	2015	89	2016-2027
2017: pale and glossy, with soft and lush sweet fruit, just medium weight, juicy and gentle.	2017	88	2018-2028
2019: crisp menthol nose then explosive red berry fruit, quite heady at 14.5% and layered with supple and generous fruit with real length.	2019	92	2020-2029

Camino Africana Pinot Noir RRRR

2017: Delicious pristine fruit on this lustrous garnet wine, silky intensity with a fresh lift finish, very fine indeed.	2017	93	2019-2029
2018: deeply toned yet nicely delicate despite 14.5%, full juicy feel, lots of red cherry fruit and dark earth hint, quite profound.	2018	92	2019-2029

The Berry Box Merlot R

2016: garnet red, summer red berries with dark fruit support, firm and forward, quite friendly.	2016	85	2016-2026
2018: dark fruited, easy-going with appealing suppleness and hint of textured leather and red berry.	2018	86	2018-2028
2020: hugely berry fruited nose and palate, soft and generous and accessible young, this is difficult to dislike.	2020	87	2020-2028

The Pepper Pot R

2016: fruity and dark, easy-going forest berries, clean and muscular if brief.	2016	85	2016-2026
2017: big, forward and fruity, lots of dry spice and plump mulberry, smooth and with some depth.	2017	89	2018-2028
2019: lots of substance here, brooding mixed fruits with an edge of spice and some bite, almost rustic and one for winter.	2019	88	2020-2028
2020: seems more Mourvedre led, with gamey liquorice depths, lush, flawless and packed with fruit.	2020	90	2021-2029

Camino Africana Cabernet Franc

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2015: nicely restrained and not extracted, hint of leaf and vanilla but deep flavoured, ripe and with some class.	2015	89	2017-2027
2016: garnet rim with a rich, not leafy nose then such profoundly focussed and fine fruit, silky, opulent and persistent, this is exceptional.	2016	95	2019-2030
2017: vibrant dark garnet, fresh and lively nose and palate, winter red berries and just mid weight, linear and precise.	2017	91	2019-2029

Cabernet Sauvignon

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2013: moderate depth only, but big and bold mulberry fruited palate with dusty firm tannins.	2013	88	2014-2025
2016: wood notes and feint tannins, cassis and plum, dry hedgerow fruits, firm and dry.	2016	88	2017-2028
2017: very deep with classic cabernet tones, cassis and wood and firm, dusty tannins, needs five years to really show.	2017	90	2019-2029
2019: red berry and forest fruit, a touch stewed but with freshness and accessibility in youth.	2019	89	2020-2029

GS Cabernet Sauvignon

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2015: shy nose, still youthfull at three years, savoury, dry and ripe fruited. A big wine, rather nicely rustic, with eucalyptus and herbs and lush layered fruit	2015 94 2017-2029
2016: some age settling showing on opaque garnet depths, then smooth, robust lace tannins, full red berry and layers of distinguished fruit. Seductive yet delicately balanced.	2016 93 2019-2030
2018: approachable in youth, this ripe, velvet tannined and full fruited version is the epitome of luxury, deep mulberry and cassis, layers of seductive fruit quality. Remarkable.	2018 94 2020-2031

Shiraz

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2017: lilac and white pepper, with silky blue fruits, fresh, linear and smooth, an endearing wine.	2017 88 2017-2028
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