

## Eikendal Vineyards

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Offering activities other than wine tasting, such as fly fishing and dining, the tasting room is small and there is a wide range of wines.

*Vintage    Score    best drinking*

### Cuvée Blanc                      R

<b>2012:</b> watery, tight and zesty if a touch light.	<b>2012    74    2012-2017</b>
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### Sauvignon Blanc                      RR

	<b>2009    75    2009-2014</b>
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<b>2012:</b> very pale, citrus yellow fruits and medium weight with minerality and white flowers.	<b>2012    84    2012-2018</b>
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<b>2017:</b> quite pale with almost spritzy youthful zest, lots of mineral yellow fruit and softly dry.	<b>2017    86    2017-2024</b>
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<b>2018:</b> watery depth, peach infused nose, gently tropical, viscous and with weight, satisfying and appealing.	<b>2018    88    2018-2026</b>
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<b>2019:</b> very pale again, with fresh grapefruit and citrus punch, mouthfilling and expressive and with a long, stony dry finish.	<b>2019    90    2019-2028</b>
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<b>2020:</b> bright, expressive tropical fruits, with melon and guava and mineral dryness, lighter styled.	<b>2020    88    2020-2028</b>
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### Chenin Blanc                      R

	<b>2008    85    2008-2014</b>
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## Semillon RR

<b>2008:</b> mid gold and beautifully integrated with oily savoury fruit and mouthfilling flavours.	<b>2008</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2009-2019</b>
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## Janina Chardonnay R

	<b>2009</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2009-2014</b>
<b>2012:</b> watery hue, moderate nose of yellow fruits and fresh, clean fruit if a touch short.	<b>2012</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2012-2017</b>
<b>2017:</b> dry and light, with lemon and orange peel zest and a hint of cream. Quite stony.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2018:</b> watery hue, shy nose, tight and frontal with slight tropical notes, some citrus, rather fleeting.	<b>2018</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>
<b>2019:</b> crisp and nimble, with dry and tight Granny Smith apple and citrus fruits with a hint of cream finish, needs time to show.	<b>2019</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2020-2027</b>
<b>2020:</b> clean and focussed, with zesty yellow skinned fruits, lots of apple crunch, brief but expressive.	<b>2020</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>
<b>2021:</b> gentle stone fruited, clean, as expected, but lacking anything memorable.	<b>2021</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2021-2028</b>

## Chardonnay RR

	<b>2007</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2007-2014</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2008-2015</b>
<b>2011:</b> light gold and shiny, gentle nose and soft fruit with light oak and creamy finish. Develops as opened.	<b>2011</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2011-2020</b>
<b>2015:</b> lightly oaked, mid weight and quite restrained and linear despite some creaminess.	<b>2015</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2016-2025</b>

<b>2016:</b> profound nose, richly fruited, peach, mandarin and exotic fruits, nicely oak supported, very classy.	<b>2016</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>
<b>2017:</b> full and unctuous, with creamy yellow fruit nose and lots of oak, weighty, filling and quite bold. Will relax and improve in balance and score.	<b>2017</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2020-2029</b>
<b>2018:</b> wood on the nose and palate, with young green fruit, mandarin and kiwi behind with a mineral finish, needs time to find a balance.	<b>2018</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2020-2029</b>

## Rosé (was Cuvée) R

<b>2013:</b> pink blush, then strawberry and Turkish delight flavours.	<b>2013</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2013-2017</b>
<b>2018:</b> pale pink, perfumed rose petals and strawberry, easy and dry, quite pleasant.	<b>2018</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2018-2024</b>
<b>2019:</b> pale copper red with a soft and sweet nose, bold red berry palate and dry finish, simple and accessible.	<b>2019</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2019-2025</b>
<b>2020:</b> gently hued, then crisp raspberry and granadilla punch, clean and refreshing and nicely balanced.	<b>2020</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2020-2026</b>

## Cuvée Rouge R

<b>2012:</b> medium red, intense red fruit nose and sweet fruit with a grippy finish.	<b>2012</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2012-2018</b>
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## Charisma RR

	<b>2009</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2009-2018</b>
<b>2011:</b> deep ruby hue, spicy nose, black fruit and rich flavours.	<b>2011</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2011-2020</b>
<b>2016:</b> just mid weight, supple and accessible, with plums and spice, rather brief.	<b>2016</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2016-2024</b>

**2017:** inky deep with spicy plum notes and lots of vibrant blue fruit and mint. Almost bubblegum violets and herbs and so smooth.

**2017 86 2017-2027**

**2018:** deeply hued, a dark and serious nose, violets and plums with spice, staying supple and full black fruited, soft and smooth.

**2018 91 2019-2029**

**2019:** less floral than '18, with more hot tar notes, herb and forest black fruit, dry, taut and needing time.

**2019 88 2021-2029**

## Merlot

RR

**2011:** deep ruby, shy nose then black plum fruit if slightly austere.

**2011 86 2011-2020**

**2015:** deep garnet and deep stewed berry flavours, rustic, reliable though brief.

**2015 85 2016-2026**

**2016:** very deep and overtly juicy with black cherry and squashed blue fruits, soft and big and not just another Merlot.

**2016 89 2017-2027**

**2017:** opaque and glossy, with shy nose, softly pliant and fleshy, oak supported and dry black forest fruit, big if young and improving.

**2017 91 2019-2029**

**2018:** very deeply hued again, attractive ripe fruited with charred oak hint, dusty tannins and a full, rich mouthfeel.

**2018 89 2019-2029**

## Cabernet Franc

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**2004 86 2004-2014**

## Pinotage

RR

**2008 85 2009-2018**

**2011:** fresh ruby hue then big sweet fruit nose, classic varietal notes and all juicy fruit. Elegant and best drunk young.

**2011 88 2011-2020**

**2016:** showing its parentage, light depth,

**2016 84 2017-2025**

supple, touch fleeting, bright summery drinking.			
<b>2017:</b> bright and forward, gum fruits and blackcurrant, blueberry juiciness, very moreish.	2017	88	2018-2028
<b>2018:</b> glossy appearance, bold blue fruit nose, juicy blueberry pie, whole bunch effect, supple with acetone hint.	2018	88	2019-2029
<b>2019:</b> the last vintage of this, in a lighter, juicy blue fruited style, with soft fruits and spicy herbs, easy-going.	2019	87	2020-2028

## Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot RR

	2009	82	2009-2017
<b>2011:</b> inky, sweet fruit nose of rich Cabernet cassis. Silky and classy.	2011	90	2011-2020
<b>2018:</b> opaque depth, bold forward style with lip-smacking dry bite, dense dark fruits needing time to show.	2018	88	2022-2029

## Cabernet Sauvignon RR

	2005	88	2006-2018
	2007	87	2008-2015
	2008	82	2008-2016
	2009	85	2010-2019
<b>2010:</b> medium depth and weight, damson nose and supple dark fruits somewhat lacking power.	2010	87	2011-2020
<b>2015:</b> opaque, brooding and not yet showing complex rich fruit with dry tannins. Will improve.	2015	90	2016-2027
<b>2016:</b> opaque and perfumed, firm but full of mulberry, blackberry and cedar with a vanilla hint. Punchy and lush.	2016	91	2017-2028
<b>2017:</b> impenetrable, lots of cassis attack, grippy, notes of vanilla and blue currants, silky and deep.	2017	90	2019-2029

<b>2018:</b> dark again, with wood vanilla, ripe tannins, dry grip, rustic black fruits and built to age.	<b>2018</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>
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## Classique

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	<b>2005</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2006-2019</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2006-2018</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2010-2019</b>
<b>2010:</b> inky hue, perfumed nose, mouthfilling and elegant with dry tannins and good length. Classy.	<b>2010</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2012-2022</b>
<b>2014:</b> still young and brash, just mid weight and surprisingly supple and elegant, if unpolished.	<b>2014</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2016-2028</b>
<b>2015:</b> very deep and sweetly nosed, hints of cedar and ripe fruit, leaf and plums, rich, lush, layered and still opening at age four.	<b>2015</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>
<b>2017:</b> bold and ripe nose, lots of dark berry sweet fruits, smooth and lustrous with subtle oak and good structure.	<b>2017</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>

## Shiraz

RR

	<b>2004</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2005-2014</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2010-2020</b>

## Noble Late Harvest

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	<b>2007</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2008-2019</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2009-2019</b>