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Hidden away through industrial buildings and new development, past the Cheetah Sanctuary, this large producer has improved its reception for visitors and there is something for every winelover, from fun quaffers to icon wines.



*Vintage Score best drinking*

### Kumala Reserve Sauvignon Blanc

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**2018:** very pale watery depth, zesty green fruit nose, very crisp mouthfeel with a light feel, fleeting but pleasant.

**2018 86 2018-2024**

**2019:** just coloured, with dry and softish crunch, midway between fresh citrus and warm tropical, very friendly.

**2019 85 2019-2025**

### Poetry Sauvignon Blanc

R

**2013:** crunchy bright acidity and pleasant, clean citrus notes. Easy drinking.

**2013 82 2013-2019**

**2015:** seems subdued, but still with forward fruit and lip-smacking dry crunch.

**2015 81 2015-2022**

**2017:** green citrus burst with steely backbone, nicely weighted and enjoyable.

**2017 84 2017-2025**

**2018:** lighter, elegant style, clean and zesty with green citrus punch, rather brief.

**2018 85 2018-2026**

**2020:** watery lightness, muted green fruit notes, fresh and pleasant but rather humble.

**2020 85 2020-2026**

**2021:** very crisp green melon and grapefruit, some mineral stone note, a touch austere.

**2021 87 2021-2027**

<b>2022:</b> zesty green fruits with some softer yellow fruit note, lighter style with some minerality, a bit restrained.	<b>2022</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2022-2027</b>
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## FR Elim Sauvignon Blanc RR

<b>2009:</b> at age ten this is still fresh and clean, with savoury herb and citrus delight, balanced and showing great class.	<b>2009</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2009-2021</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2010-2015</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2011-2019</b>
<b>2013:</b> fresh, clean and zesty, with perky acidity and nice balance.	<b>2013</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2013-2019</b>

## Strata Elim Reserve Sauvignon Blanc R

<b>2010:</b> tasted at eight years old and with Semillon like qualities, fig, over-ripe pear and still with body, structure and quality.	<b>2010</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2010-2020</b>
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## Free Run Sauvignon Blanc (was Cape South Coast) RR

<b>2012:</b> nice weight and mouthcoating citrus warmth, long and multi-layered.	<b>2012</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2012-2020</b>
<b>2016:</b> nicely rich and bold without being too bright, clean and zesty and very pleasant.	<b>2016</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2016-2024</b>
<b>2017:</b> citrus and mineral notes, nicely balanced with tangy and rich fruit with some texture.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2025</b>
<b>2019:</b> mid straw depth, tight and zippy green fruit impact, tangy and with a steely mouthfeel.	<b>2019</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2019-2026</b>

## Free Run Sauvignon Blanc Reserve RRR

<b>2019:</b> overt and classic New World asparagus and gooseberry fruit, with intensity and length, full and	<b>2019</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>
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compelling, very classy.			
<b>2022:</b> green fruited and bone dry, with softer grapefruit and passionfruit coming through on mineral base.	<b>2022</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2022-2029</b>

## Treaty Tree White Reserve RR

<b>2013:</b> citrus grip then an opening fuller palate with lasting green fruit impact	<b>2013</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>
<b>2017:</b> lovely nose, with crisp and fresh green citrus fruit, good balance and lush finish.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2018:</b> quite pale, with very dry yet zesty crunch of herbs and yellow fruits with some wet pebble notes, needs two years.	<b>2018</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>

## Word of Mouth Viognier RR

<b>2012:</b> shy initially then opens to rich minerality and peach. Very nice.	<b>2012</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2012-2020</b>
<b>2016:</b> lighter and more precise than previously, still full fruited but not overblown.	<b>2016</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2016-2024</b>
<b>2017:</b> gently perfumed, pale and delicate in a positive way, bitter peach and viscous texture.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> green tinged and full bodied, so ripe it seems sweet, unctuous and perfumed, pears and white blossom.	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>

## Kumala Reserve Chenin Blanc R

<b>2018:</b> pale straw with clean green apple notes, some stone fruit and savoury herb bite, quite tactile and moreish.	<b>2018</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>
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## Poetry Chenin Blanc R

<b>2019:</b> overt and bold, with substantial body, compelling texture and clean tropical and white fruits. Great value.	<b>2019</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>
<b>2022:</b> chunky pale green fruited, bright and full of green apple, not too complex.	<b>2022</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2022-2027</b>

## Tributary BV Chenin Blanc R

<b>2017:</b> smells rich, overt citrus green apple and creamy, palate is more focussed but finishes quickly.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2018:</b> vibrant stone fruits with a hint of wood, layered and long and richly textured, a very classy wine and a big step up. Terrific value.	<b>2018</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2020-2030</b>
<b>2019:</b> very pale shade, vivid fruit nose, rich and expansive mouthfeel, layered guava and citrus, silky and full.	<b>2019</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2020-2029</b>
<b>2020:</b> lots of chunky green apple, dried stone fruit and hessian texture, very drinkable.	<b>2020</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2021-2030</b>
<b>2021:</b> the same rich texture, full mouthfeel, subtle fruits, peach and walnut, quite lovely.	<b>2021</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2023-2030</b>

## Paradigm Chenin Blanc RRR

<b>2020:</b> straw depth but lighter, brief green apple bite, rather shy with a softer finish.	<b>2020</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2022-2029</b>
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## Poetry Chardonnay R

<b>2018:</b> crisp apple and very pale, almost unwooded purity and linear fruited. A touch light and rather brief.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>
<b>2019:</b> lightly tinted, dry tropical fruit notes, clean and restrained, not heavy and rather fleeting.	<b>2019</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2019-2027</b>
<b>2022:</b> gentle yellow stone fruits, smooth and friendly, but feels like the volume is turned way down.	<b>2022</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2022-2027</b>

## Two Roads Chardonnay

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<b>2016:</b> oaky support with full-on mouthfeel with more linear finish thanks to Elgin/Elim fruit.	<b>2016</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2016-2025</b>
<b>2017:</b> pale yellow with reserved nose, hints of wood and stone fruit, fine and quite charming.	<b>2017</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> creamy vanilla wafts behind bold yellow fruits, pristine and edgy, needing a few years to really show.	<b>2018</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2020-2029</b>

## Noon Gun

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<b>2014:</b> scented Viognier perfume over green apple bite. Nicely balanced and very gulpable.	<b>2014</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2014-2020</b>
<b>2016:</b> full-fruited, lots of exotic hints with just enough acidity to be rounded and pleasant. Combination of varietals is nicely balanced.	<b>2016</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2014-2022</b>
<b>2017:</b> bursting with flavours, pineapple chunks, lemon, orange, and nicely viscous and perfumed.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2025</b>
<b>2018:</b> exotic forward nose and hessian textured palate, green apple, stone fruits in an elegant, just medium weighted style.	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2019-2026</b>
<b>2021:</b> quite toned and with textured dried stone fruits, nicely balanced and integrated.	<b>2021</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2021-2027</b>

## The Chosen Few

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<b>2009:</b> still with sap and chewy citrus opening nicely to a fullish palate.	<b>2009</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2009-2017</b>
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## Poetry Cinsault Rosé

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<b>2016:</b> rather confectioned sweetshop Turkish delight, almost cherry coloured and full-fruity.	<b>2016</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2016-2023</b>
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<b>2018:</b> bone dry, shy nose, dusty dark red berry fruited, with some grip and quite compelling.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2020:</b> shiny rust hue and perfumed cherry and red roses aromas, strawberry dry bite, viscous and lip-smacking. The best yet.	<b>2020</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2020-2027</b>
<b>2022:</b> very aromatic, with juicy red fruits, not subtle or elegant, but it does the job.	<b>2022</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2022-2027</b>

## Fiona Pinot Noir

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<b>2016:</b> overtly sweet attack, very fruity with confected, full mouthfeel over summer compote.	<b>2016</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2016-2025</b>
<b>2018:</b> so pale, with earth and cranberry notes and a fresh acid balance, delicate and long.	<b>2018</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>

## Poetry Merlot

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	<b>2012</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2012-2020</b>
<b>2014:</b> nicely balanced, with dark spicy fruit which lingers and some depth of flavour.	<b>2014</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2014-2024</b>
<b>2015:</b> mid weight with an easy feel and nicely balanced fruit.	<b>2015</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2014-2025</b>
<b>2017:</b> dark and red fruit mix, supple and mouth-filling, some rustic bite and competent if unremarkable.	<b>2017</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2018:</b> pale ruby red depth, soft and juicy nose, violets and vanilla, then mixed berry and spicy texture in a bold style.	<b>2018</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
<b>2019:</b> a touch brusque, with lean, acid high and sinewy red fruits., better on day two. Just for quaffing.	<b>2019</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2019-2024</b>
<b>2020:</b> quite pale, but with overt musk and mint perfume, then lozenge-like richness and ripe intensity, a real bargain and a huge step up.	<b>2020</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2021-2028</b>
<b>2021:</b> succulent cherry jam fruit, ripe and pleasing, nicely weighted and not overdone.	<b>2021</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2021-2028</b>

**Kumala Reserve Pinotage**

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**2018:** intense blue fruit notes with texture and dry grip, opening quickly to a softer, more juicy feel.

**2018 86 2018-2026**

**Poetry Pinotage**

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**2019:** whole bunch characters, with ultra-juicy liquid blackcurrants, plums and dark cherry. Friendly, mouthfilling and with pure fruit indulgence.

**2019 85 2019-2026**

**2021:** dark and quite spicy, with black and blue fruits, not very elegant but warming.

**2021 84 2021-2027**

**Truth Tree Pinotage**

RR

**2016:** smooth and lozenge-like, with deep blue fruits, very gluggible.

**2016 82 2016-2024**

**2017:** red tinged rim, cedar and vanilla nose, sweetly fruited and mouthfilling, wood notes forward needing time to settle. Will improve.

**2017 88 2019-2028**

**2018:** edgy and tactile blue fruit dominance, cassis and wood sinew in a straightforward manner.

**2018 88 2019-2028**

**Writer's Block Pinotage**

RRR

**2007 87 2008-2020**

**2008 85 2008-2020**

**2013:** ripe fruit with grippy tannins and a chewy bite, still reserved better in time.

**2013 86 2013-2022**

**2016:** deep ruby, still tight and oaky tannic, but with lush spicy fruit, blue berried, just waiting.

**2016 92 2017-2028**

**2017:** inky, impenetrable depth, serious nose with wood hint, vanilla, plum and mulberry richness, layered smooth and long, a lovely wine.

**2017 93 2018-2029**

**2018:** forward lilac perfumed nose, wood and acetone

**2018 90 2019-2029**

notes over firm blue fruits, precise and mouthfilling.

**2020:** deep and attractive blue fruited nose, mocha note with a dark spicy edge. Wood and ripe fruit with a grippy feel.

**2020 91 2022-2030**

**Time, Manner, Place Pinotage Reserve**

RRRR

**2016:** wonderful balance of intense fruit richness, and elegant and fine mouthfeel, quality oak support, gentle mulberry, bramble and plum notes, length, purity and focus, superb.

**2016 94 2018-2029**

**Kumala Intulo Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz**

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**2014:** little depth and fruity, rather jammy flavours, simple and effective.

**2014 78 2014-2022**

**Treaty Tree Red Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec/Merlot/PV/Cabernet sauvignon**

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**2015:** dry, grippy tannins needing two years but showing deep blue fruited enjoyment.

**2015 86 2015-2025**

**2016:** bitter red berries, spice and hint of wood, rustic, warming and very satisfying.

**2016 85 2016-2026**

**2017:** pretty mixed red fruit nose, juicy and accessible cassis and dark fruit palate, fresh and lively.

**2017 88 2017-2027**

**2018:** wooded smoky nose with deep ruby gloss, dry tannin structure, spicy rustic fruit finishing nicely smooth.

**2018 89 2019-2028**

**Dragon Tree Cape Blend Cabernet/Shiraz/Pinotage**

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**2012:** ripe, creamy nose, subtle US oak

**2012 88 2012-2022**



and dusty tannins over luscious blue fruits			
<b>2015:</b> smooth and easy drinking with dark fruit and a touch of peppery spice.	<b>2015</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2015-2025</b>
<b>2016:</b> smooth and mouthfilling, cherries and dark forest fruit, good integration and generous.	<b>2016</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2016-2027</b>
<b>2017:</b> forward and impressive dark fruit and vanilla attack, good acid balance keeps it fresh and grippy, full mid palate and dry finish.	<b>2017</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
<b>2018:</b> just medium weighted, with a full and soft fruit nose, juicy and silky mouthfeel, delicate yet with significance.	<b>2018</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>

## Poetry Cabernet Sauvignon R

<b>2014:</b> good valued, straightforward wine with dark spicy fruit, rather lacking identity.	<b>2014</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2014-2022</b>
<b>2017:</b> red edged, sombre nose then grippy black fruits and spice with wood tannin notes, big and forward.	<b>2017</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
<b>2019:</b> burly and forward, with dark fruit dry punch, spicy note, winter warming style, dry and rather brusque.	<b>2019</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>
<b>2021:</b> hot ferment or sunburn means a dark, chunky wine, with charcoal and rubber notes, not for me.	<b>2021</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2021-2026</b>

## Music Room Cabernet Sauvignon RRR

	<b>2007</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2008-2020</b>
<b>2012:</b> nicely balanced with mid weight, subtle oak and unwinding blackcurrant and hedgerow fruit.	<b>2012</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2012-2022</b>
<b>2014:</b> smooth and accessible despite obvious oak tannins, subdued now but still classy.	<b>2014</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2014-2026</b>
<b>2015:</b> deep ruby, still grippy but already showing sumptuous, classy black fruit and tobacco hint,	<b>2015</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2016-2028</b>

smooth, layered and complex. Will improve.

<b>2016:</b> garnet black with brooding nose, lush and intense mulberries and hedgerow currants, still grippy at four.	<b>2016</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>
<b>2017:</b> dark and chunky, with spicy black berries and cassis notes, firm tannins built to age, serious and compelling.	<b>2017</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>
<b>2019:</b> bold fruity nose, red berry and cherry without the dark cassis expected, light, lingering and nicely cerebral.	<b>2019</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2020-2030</b>

## Kumala Zenith

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<b>2017:</b> garnet hue, mid depth, forward and brightly fruited dark, rustic fruit but supple, juicy and friendly.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2025</b>
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## Longitude Dry Red Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec

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<b>2013:</b> darkly scented, fruity and with a spicy bite. Not cerebral, but enjoyable.	<b>2013</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>
<b>2014:</b> quite rustic, intense, spicy fruit in a forward style, fits its purpose.	<b>2014</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2014-2022</b>
<b>2015:</b> already in harmony, with smooth tannins and dark, spicy finish. Easy drinking.	<b>2015</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2015-2024</b>
<b>2016:</b> forward and big flavoured, lots of dark hedgerow fruit in a supple and plump manner.	<b>2016</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2017:</b> deep ruby hue, dark fruit and vanilla nose, juicy, spicy mouthfeel, soft and easy-going, very pleasant.	<b>2017</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> glossy appearance and dark fruited, spicy juicy notes with earth hint, doesn't linger.	<b>2018</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>
<b>2021:</b> dark and dusty, not too elegant but fruity and perfect for a red meat braai, the Malbec keeps it juicy.	<b>2021</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2021-2028</b>

**Kumala Reserve Shiraz**

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<b>2013:</b> dark fruited and functional, if lacking an interesting character	<b>2013</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>
<b>2017:</b> pale ruby hue, fresh and fruity nose then spicy black fruit, supple and juicy with a ripe fruit finish.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2025</b>

**Dark Horse Shiraz**

RRR

	<b>2007</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2008-2020</b>
<b>2010:</b> smoky nose then ripe blueberry flavours with spicy bite and lingering elegant but powerful impact.	<b>2010</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2011-2024</b>
<b>2014:</b> intense and concentrated, yet silky and lush with big sexy fruit nuances.	<b>2014</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2015-2026</b>
<b>2015:</b> deeply hued, bold wood and cassis fruit, vanillin, chalky tannins, graphite and young mulberries.	<b>2015</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
<b>2016:</b> little wear showing at age five, lots of bramble forest fruits, spicy currant core, dry structured elegant yet deep.	<b>2016</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
<b>2018:</b> sweet perfumed nose, good depth and soft full mulberry fruit with a mocha note, firm tannins to age.	<b>2018</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2020-2030</b>

**Velvet Blend**

RRRR

<b>2014:</b> lustrous depth, velvet indeed in its feel, warmth and comfort, so rich and heady at 15%, yet staying balanced, fine and compelling, lovely.	<b>2014</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2016-2028</b>
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**ICE Vine Dried Sauvignon Blanc 375ml**

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<b>2016:</b> gorgeous bottle, mid straw depth, fresh dried apricot nose then light and clean nut and summer	<b>2016</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2016-2027</b>
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yellow fruit impact. Not too sweet. Delicious.

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**The Last Word LBV 375ml RR**

**2013:** overt berry nose, sweet, dark berried and  
so smooth, this is a velvety and attractive wine.

**2013 92 2013-2029**

**2014:** red tinged rim, dusty dark fruit nose then velvety  
and rich dried prunes and date comfort, irresistible.

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**2014 91 2015-2029**