

## Glenelly Estate

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*Vintage Score best drinking*

### Glass Collection Unoaked Chardonnay

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<b>2011:</b> lemon notes then refreshing zippy fruit of peaches and lime and a flinty, dry finish.	<b>2011</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2011-2015</b>
<b>2012:</b> lively, but with more depth than '11, ripe citrus and apricot finish.	<b>2012</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2012-2019</b>
<b>2014:</b> not citrus or tropical, strangely nutty and herby, difficult to pigeonhole.	<b>2014</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2014-2021</b>
<b>2018:</b> pale tinge, bright and crisp, firm acid boost, faintly tropical fruited, fresh and enjoyable.	<b>2018</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2018-2025</b>
<b>2019:</b> lemon tinged, with bright, zesty acidity needing time to settle, yellow fruit precision in a lighter style.	<b>2019</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2020-2027</b>
<b>2020:</b> faintly green hued with crisp and tight mouthfeel, light green fruit notes, straightforward, pleasant if brief.	<b>2020</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2020-2027</b>

### Estate Reserve Chardonnay

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<b>2011:</b> light gold, creamy lemon notes with oak overlay. Butterscotch and tropical fruits, better in 2 years.	<b>2011</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>
<b>2012:</b> soft peach and ripe fruits but covered at present by toasty oak. Needs time.	<b>2012</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2012-2020</b>

<b>2013:</b> nicely balanced despite obvious oak influence and rich textured body.	<b>2013</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2013-2022</b>
<b>2014:</b> clean, nicely balanced fruit with subtle oak, some body and weight but still elegant.	<b>2014</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2014-2022</b>
<b>2015:</b> shy even at 3 years, tight structure, good acid balance, steely and dry with stone fruit flavours.	<b>2015</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2016:</b> oak nose and palate, richer and more open than '15, creamy malo notes on finish.	<b>2016</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2017:</b> nicely balanced creamy notes with tropical fruits, not heavy, rich and lingering.	<b>2017</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> lots of oak aromas then a lively and almost crisp quince and cream palate, fine and arresting and delicious.	<b>2018</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>
<b>2019:</b> elegant and nicely sinewy, with classy fruit – somewhat masked – and real backbone.	<b>2019</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>
<b>2020:</b> creamy and layered and yet its pear and butterscotch fruit is more precise, deft, and forward than '19. Will age and improve.	<b>2020</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2021-2029</b>

## Le Rosé de May

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<b>2019:</b> very dry with almost dusty red fruits and hint of earth, tangy and thirst quenching if rather brief.	<b>2019</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2019-2024</b>
<b>2020:</b> copper pink tinged with a dusty perfumed nose, red berry dry fruit crunch, crisp yet full.	<b>2020</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2020-2025</b>

## Glass Collection Merlot

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<b>2010:</b> dense purple, cooked jam nose then angular fruit and dry tannins. Will improve.	<b>2010</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2011-2018</b>
<b>2011:</b> mid colour and palate, red berry fruit with straightforward profile.	<b>2011</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2011-2018</b>
<b>2013:</b> mid depth, dark fruited, grippy and dryly textured.	<b>2013</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2013-2023</b>
<b>2015:</b> closed at three years and with tight backbone, dark and rustically fruited, a winter wine.	<b>2015</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>

<b>2016:</b> overt fruity nose, big juicy fruit, lots of berry flavours, light and fun.	<b>2016</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2016-2027</b>
<b>2017:</b> quite deeply hued and full of black berries with hints of spice and mint, chunky and nicely rustic.	<b>2017</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
<b>2018:</b> again, very deeply hued, weighty and serious with sinewy plum fruit, brooding and dry with grippy tannins.	<b>2018</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>

## Glass Collection Cabernet Franc RR

<b>2016:</b> ripe fruited, notes of game and earth, bramble fruit and just ripe plums, dry and firm.	<b>2016</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2017:</b> dark ruby hued, with a lighter fruity berry nose, mint and fynbos over soft and ripe dark fruits with lip-smacking tannins.	<b>2017</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>

## Glass Collection Cabernet Sauvignon RR

<b>2010:</b> musky, sweet nose with mocha, lush, evocative fruit which is refined but powerful.	<b>2010</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2012-2019</b>
<b>2015:</b> firm and grippy tannins, dry and plummy with cedar, leather and a supple feel at finish.	<b>2015</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2016:</b> opaque hue, big, forward nose, smooth and rich cassis notes, hidden wood, pencil shavings, very nice.	<b>2016</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2017-2028</b>
<b>2018:</b> vibrant and glossy, very dry with cassis and chalky tannins, supported by textured oak notes and finishing nicely curranty.	<b>2018</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>

## Glass Collection Syrah RR

	<b>2009</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2010-2019</b>
<b>2010:</b> tangy blue fruit nose, sour plums and cinnamon. Round and expressive flavours and dry finish, but a touch raw at present.	<b>2010</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2013-2021</b>
<b>2011:</b> mid depth, spicy dark fruits with	<b>2011</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2012-2023</b>

pleasing tannin bite.			
<b>2015:</b> purple tint, very perfumed lilacs and violets, some whole bunch effect, easy, full and enjoyable.	<b>2015</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2016:</b> fruit driven and up-front, clean dark Mulberry fruits, accessible and enjoyable.	<b>2016</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2017-2029</b>
<b>2017:</b> fruity and forward plum and raspberry nose, perfumed with jasmine notes, then dusty tannins, dark chocolate and mulberry enjoyment.	<b>2017</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>
<b>2019:</b> charred bacon, wood note and dark rich fruit, big and hearty, a serious effort.	<b>2019</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2020-2029</b>

### Estate Reserve Red (was Grand Vin de Glenelly)

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	<b>2006</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2007-2014</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2009-2020</b>
<b>2008:</b> heavy, inviting nose then a hit of juicy dark fruits. Violets and soft fruit engulf the mouth. A seriously good wine.	<b>2008</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2011-2023</b>
<b>2009:</b> touch aged green nose, but still delicious, with elegant, classy fruit, long and lingering.	<b>2009</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2010-2025</b>
<b>2011:</b> shy and dry, balanced sweet fruit, pencil shavings, mulberry and spice, serious and full	<b>2011</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2013-2023</b>
<b>2012:</b> mid depth, big and fruity, restrained power, a touch rustic opening slowly.	<b>2012</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2014-2025</b>
<b>2013:</b> deep garnet hue, dusty and sinewy dark plum and forest fruits, interesting layers open slowly, no loss of depth at five years.	<b>2013</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2015-2028</b>
<b>2014:</b> graphite note and chalky, pliant tannins on a dark fruited, nicely harmonious wine, powerful and profound yet not overblown.	<b>2014</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2016-2029</b>

### Lady May

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<b>2008:</b> tasted at 7 years old and with some amber edge and savoury notes, but still rich and lush and very stylish	<b>2008</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2009-2025</b>
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<b>2009:</b> Beautifully rich and deep yet feeling balanced and elegant in the mouth. Classy indeed, but young yet.	<b>2009</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2011-2021</b>
<b>2012:</b> mid ruby, shy nose, brooding mulberry depths, silky, long and layered, quite hedonistic.	<b>2012</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2014-2026</b>
<b>2013:</b> inky, opaque depth, lush cassis and currant flavours, smooth integrated tannins, wood hint, long and complex.	<b>2013</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2015-2028</b>
<b>2014:</b> little visible fading at age seven, with sparse tertiary evidence but open classy fruit and grippy wood tannins, still textured, balanced and lingering.	<b>2014</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2016-2028</b>
<b>2017:</b> pre-release in a New World, ripe and exotic style, cassis and oak, layered and chunky, very serious. Needs time and will improve score.	<b>2017</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2022-2032</b>
<b>2019:</b> another pre-release, with mid purple shine, ripe dark and blue fruits, taut and a touch brief needing time to show.	<b>2019</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2021-2030</b>

