

Haskell Vineyards

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Lovely paved approach to a friendly winery, classic wines with icon Shiraz surrounded by vines and offering perfect picnic spots.



Vintage Score best drinking

Sauvignon Blanc R

	2009	75	2009-2014
	2010	75	2010-2016
2011: watery hue, zippy herbaceous notes with fresh fruit layers over a creamy, soft flavour. Touch of Semillon has made this richer and approachable now.	2011	85	2011-2017

Dombeya Sauvignon Blanc RR

2015: soft attack, mineral underlay with juicy fruit in an easy style.	2015	85	2015-2022
2017: watery depth, still tight and with steely fruit, not quite green or tropical.	2017	85	2017-2023
2018: nicely mid-way between mineral flintiness and feint tropical exotic fruit, clean, bright and finely crafted.	2018	86	2018-2026
2019: hugely fruited and punchy, with overt green and breakfast grapefruit flavours, intense and unmissable.	2019	88	2020-2027
2020: very pale with overt grapefruit and citrus fruit, forward, bright and clean, terrific value.	2020	88	2020-2028

Dombeya Chardonnay RR

	2007	89	2008-2017
	2009	78	2009-2012
2011: pale colour, citrus and lemon nose, light, zesty style with a full and soft finish. Subtle use of oak.	2011	86	2011-2017
2013: medium weight, gentle mouthfeel, still oaky with clean, tropical fruit hints.	2013	86	2013-2022
2017: pale, but yet on the nose, buttery though nicely clean and focussed in the mouth.	2017	86	2017-2025
2018: creamy wood nose with a satisfying round mouthfeel, precise yellow stone fruits and great oak integration. Terrific value.	2018	90	2019-2028

Anvil Chardonnay RRR

2010: serious nose, complex, layours of white fruit flavours and a rich, full palate of peaches, pears and sweet oak hints. Needs to settle. Quite delicious.	2010	90	2010-2020
2016: rich and creamy nose, pale depth, hint of wood, opens nicely in time, a quality wine.	2016	89	2016-2026
2017: pale and creamy, then focussed and fine lemon yellow fruits, with mineral hint, long and elegant.	2017	90	2018-2028
2018: reserved but serious nose then big and lush tropical fruit and caramel punch, precise and classy.	2018	91	2019-2029
2019: unblended barrel sample showed great promise, nutty and savoury with feint tropical notes and cream hint, focussed and attractive.	2019	90	2020-2029

Lily Rosé R

2019: pale strawberry red with a confected nose and ripe, juicy fruit, good acid balance and dry mouthfeel.	2019	86	2029-2026
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Dombeya Merlot

RR

	2007 85 2007-2013
2008: mid hued, sour cherry nose with dark fruit – not a strawberry styled wine.	2008 87 2008-2017
2015: oaky nose and texture, but balanced by deep mulberry fruit, dry finish.	2015 87 2016-2026
2016: subdued nose then rustic and earthy cherry dark fruit in an approachable, easy-going style.	2016 87 2017-2027
2017: restrained nose, just mid weight, lots of hedgerow dark fruits and summer berries, open and honest.	2017 88 2018-2028

Dombeya Fenix

RR

2013: sweet, juicy nose, drier and serious on the palate, easy drinking but quite classy.	2013 89 2014-2024
2014: inky deep, oak and spice, soft fruits, cassis and dusty tannins, very accessible.	2014 85 2014-2025
2016: deep purple hue, violet plum nose, dusty tannins, dry, sinewy currant notes, quite big for the vintage, lovely.	2016 91 2018-2028

Cabernet Sauvignon

RR

	2007 86 2007-2017
2008: Expressive, juicy vibrant fruit, brooding and slightly charred, not an obvious Cabernet, but sweet, ripe and brooding.	2008 87 2009-2018

Altus

RR

2007: dense nose then mid weight only palate with drying tannins but quality fruit and nice finish.	2007 88 2008-2018
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Samara

RR

	2005	87	2007-2017
2006: some ageing visible, light nose of red berry fruit ,light palate, simple but enjoyable and still offering nice fruit flavours.	2006	82	2006-2014

Boulder Road Shiraz

RRR

	2007	85	2008-2014
2008: Juicy fruit nose, expressive, soft, easy to drink and approachable but finishes with suprising intensity. Rustic but satisfying and deceptive quality. Perfect for winter	2008	89	2009-2018
2012: dense plum hue, rich, dark spicy fruit, layered and sumptuous. Full bodied.	2012	90	2012-2023
2014: lush cassis, deep and dark, with blueberries and spice, quite accessible already.	2014	90	2015-2026
2016: elegant and silky, with lush ripe mulberry and dark currant joy, balanced and integrated, not a spicy style, just right.	2016	92	2018-2028

Hades Shiraz

RRR

2014: slow to show despite 7yrs in wait, then revealing pristine fruit, good balance and length.	2014	91	2015-2028
2015: big and muscular, quite juicy, lots of violets and pepper, wood in background, and very classy. Elegant, already enjoyable and lingering. Will improve.	2015	92	2017-2030
2018: barrel sample has Rhone features, spicy and structured with wood sinew and pepper, mulberry and violets. Will improve score.	2018	93	2020-2031

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Aeon Shiraz

RRR

	2007	92	2009-2022
	2008	91	2009-2019
2010: sweet fruit nose, juicy but serious palate, layered flavours given a forest bite by Mourvedre. Leather, meat and dark fruit.	2010	92	2012-2020
2013: crisp minty nose, opaque with firm tannins still, different fruit profile and blueberry finish.	2013	91	2014-2025
2014: opaque depth, spicy black fruits with sinewy wood tannins and plush plum and crushed blackberry notes, quite cerebral. discontinued	2014	92	2015-2027

Pillars Shiraz

RRR

	2007	95	2010-2022
	2008	93	2010-2018
2010: intense nose, spice, leather, pepper and a full, laden palate bursting with fruit. A wine of brooding flavours and a basis of quality fruit. Big style, big oak, big tannins, not for the fainthearted.	2010	93	2012-2022
2013: shy nose deep and lurking, rich velvet fruit beginning to show, complex and long.	2013	93	2013-2028
2014: reserved, weighty nose, lovely fruit nuances, dark and seductive, good oak backbone behind compelling focus.	2014	92	2015-2026

Haskell II

RRR

2009: mid hue, rich nose of violets and spice, explodes on the palate, pristine sweet fruit, delicate elegant touch.	2009	91	2011-2019
2010: dry and grippy still, with hedgerow fruit and rustic bite. Closed now, but will improve.	2010	87	2012-2022
2013: deep purple, soft and voluptuous, quite intense with cassis and spice rustic	2013	89	2014-2024

notes.

2014: very deep, with rich plum and mulberry layers, nicely structured between grippy tannins and silky elegance. Seriously good.

2014 93 2016-2028

2015: deep ruby gloss, juicy but very fine mulberry and plum ripe fruit elegance, powerful but always silky and very classy. A standout wine.

2015 94 2018-2030

Haskell IV

RRR

2007: mid coloured, subdued nose, tannic backbone which needs another 5 years then the blue fruit will assert into a delightful, complex wine of real class.

2007 91 2010-2020

2009: showing age and tertiary notes, still gutsy with warm spicy fruit, exotic and rich.

2009 91 2010-2022

2012: still inky despite 3years in bottle, overt dusky forest nose, textured, grippy, delicious.

2012 93 2014-2028

2013: opaque and shiny, with a funky, almost rustic nose, then leafy and dark fruited, opening to richness and good fruit quality. Good food wine.

2013 92 2015-2028

2015: soft, deft and immediately attractive, with generous and sexy dark fruit, smooth and exotic and in such balance and harmony. Wow.

2015 95 2018-2030