

Hidden Valley Wines

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WO; Stellenbosch

Vintage Score best drinking

MCC

RR

Quite refined and stylish, not overtly yeasty, could benefit from more lees aging, but pleasant and delicately moussed.

NV 83 1-6 years

MCC Rosé

RR

Very palely coloured, dry side and with a clean and fine mousse, if lacking any autolysis evidence.

NV 82 1-8 years

Hidden Valley Sauvignon Blanc

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	2008 89 2008-2012
2011: pale lime, grassy but not overt nose, nettles, gooseberries. Softer style, quite full for the variety.	2011 82 2011-2017
2012: lighter style with pungency and zesty attack.	2012 87 2012-2019
2016: steely and dry, with green fruits, crispness and tropical hint at the finish.	2016 83 2016-2024
2017: pale but explosive in the mouth, overt pea and asparagus, lemon and lime hints on the finish, clean and layered.	2017 88 2018-2026
2018: watery pale with tight lemony freshness, lots of green, unripe melon notes, clean and straightforward.	2018 87 2018-2026
2019: as '17 in its intensity and vibrancy, with classic gooseberry and citrus punch with oily viscous richness.	2019 90 2019-2029

A winner.

Sauvignon Blanc/Viognier RR

2016: shy nose, mineral stone fruits, little Viognier perfume, crisp and brief.	2016	83	2016-2024
2017: mineral and peach pit impact despite so pale a hue, full yet not overblown and showing clean gentle tropical fruit	2017	88	2018-2027

Viognier RR

2015: watery pale, fresh and light, discreet wood, focussed and with restrained perfume.	2015	84	2015-2024
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Hidden Treasure Rosé RR

2015: quite rich and weighty, with ripe berry flavours, lacking some complexity and a touch short.	2015	83	2015-2022
2017: silver pink hue, very attractive, overt red berry nose, juicy strawberry hint, forward and nicely dry.	2017	84	2017-2024
2018: glossy and vibrant, very ripe with cherry and red berry impact, quite full and finishing crisply dry.	2018	88	2018-2026

Pinotage RR

	2006	86	2006-2012
2009: mid purple/ruby, overt plum, rubber and mulberry nose, ripe fruit with mocha hints, tangy with a dry finish.	2009	84	2010-2016
2011: elegant sweet fruit with classic liquorice hints and firm tannins. Too young yet.	2011	89	2012-2020
2014: pale depth, classic Pinotage blue fruit, smooth	2014	86	2015-2025

and easy and very satisfying

2015: deep hue, soft, generous fruit, lots of plum and blackcurrant, bold and still improving.	2015	90	2017-2027
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Hidden Valley Hidden Secret RRR

2008: deep ruby, intriguing nose of spice and sour fruit. Very dry, savoury palate of forest fruit of some complexity.	2008	86	2010-2018
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2010: big tannins at first, then sweet fruit with spicy edge and long finish.	2010	90	2011-2022
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2013: big and bold, a touch rustic, dark spicy fruited but lacking definition.	2013	84	2013-2023
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2015: just mid depth and hue, still evolving, blue and black fruits, not peppery but with wood hint, mulberries and a silky feel.	2015	90	2017-2027
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2016: dark and serious, with forward black fruits, plums and spice with careful wood support, nicely fleshy and silky smooth, very classy.	2016	93	2018-2029
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Hidden Valley Hidden Gems RRR

2008: opaque, burnt cherry nose, cassis and dark fruits in a simple style with soft and silky tannins.	2008	85	2010-2018
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2010: dark, spicy fruit with bold tannins but enough fruit to balance out. Will improve.	2010	90	2011-2021
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2013: some restraint and cleanly fruited, if somewhat clumsy and muddled.	2013	86	2013-2024
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2015: shy nose, agile and lithe, rustic hedgerow fruit, clean and perfect for winter.	2015	88	2016-2026
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2016: cedar and briar notes behind a deeply hued, bright and layered wine, sophisticated, complex and full of gentle spice and lush black fruits.	2016	93	2018-2029
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