

Hoopenburg Wines

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WO: Stellenbosch / Coastal

Remote feeling rustic working farm, with relaxed and involved staff and a range of great value good quality wines.



Vintage Score best drinking

Sauvignon Blanc

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2012: huge nose; gooseberry and green fig then soft acidity, round and fully flavoured.	2012	85	2012-2018
2017: mid straw, creamy feel over crisp lemon and lime bright fruit.	2017	84	2017-2023
2018: pale lemon with rich and lush soft tropical fruit, not too racy, but fuller with creamy lees depth and stone fruit.	2018	88	2018-2026
2019: sample showed a greener fruited palate than '18, but still fresh and sinewy with a nicely round mouthfeel.	2019	87	2019-2027
2020: barely tinged, with warm stone fruits and gentle minerality, not too crisp and nicely weighted.	2020	88	2020-2028

Chenin Blanc

R

2017: pale, with savoury edged quince and dried fruit note, still fresh.	2017	85	2017-2024
2018: bright and zesty then showing creamy yellow fruit and apple, vibrant if fleeting.	2018	87	2019-2027
2020: quite pale and with a shy nose and fresh but not aggressive palate of full stone fruit richness.	2020	87	2020-2028

Chardonnay (Now Unwooded) R

2011: watery hue, zesty pear and lemon, mid weight and creamy, a touch subdued.	2011	85	2011-2017
2017: rather watery hued, with rasping yellow fruit crunch and mineral hint.	2017	84	2017-2024
2018: texture from lees contact gives savoury but clean yellow fruit and white pear precision, arresting and long.	2018	88	2018-2027

Integer Chardonnay RR

2016: pale and shy, oak tannins but feeling precise and clean and bright.	2016	87	2016-2026
2017: deep straw hue, soft tropical fruits with supporting wood feel, herbs and a solid, contemplative core.	2017	91	2018-2027
2018: pre-bottling has a tactile, more textured feel than '17, bright, expressive and very classy, will be good.	2018	91	2019-2028
2019: stunning value, quality wood backbone on full bodied lush and lees rich yellow fruits, layered and cerebral.	2019	92	2020-2029

Integer White Blend RR

2008: rich nose all damp straw and minerality then full lush fruit, tangy and perfumed, chunky and long.	2008	92	2009-2018
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Rosé R

2011: dusty rose petal nose, stewed strawberries and bright acid lift, seems off dry.	2011	79	2011-2016
2017: pale and light and now dry, with brief red berry notes.	2017	81	2017-2023

2018: pale pink shine, sweet strawberry scented nose, perfumed Turkish Delight and rosewater notes, not too dry.	2018	85	2018-2026
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2020: light cherry hues with a forward berry fruit nose and elegant smooth mouthfeel, ripe and full flavoured.	2020	86	2020-2027
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Pinot Noir RR

2008: quite dense with dark fruit and chunky black spices. Not a dainty Pinot .	2008	87	2008-2015
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2016: glossy shine, dry, balanced and nuanced red berry and earth notes, classy and long.	2016	91	2017-2028
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2017: pale but glossy, with gentle berry fruit and sinewy earth note, cherry bite and an elegant and silky finish.	2017	92	2018-2029
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2018: such silky elegance, lustrous and aromatic, juicy but not simple, very nice and good value.	2018	90	2019-2029
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Guru Merlot R

2008: juicy, fresh and with sweet fruit for immediate enjoyment in a simple style.	2008	80	2008-2015
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2017: at age five showing raisiny, slightly stewed notes of a hot vintage, but still harmonious, deep and very nice.	2017	89	2018-2026
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2018: cherry forward and fruity nose, bold and juicy with tangy spice in an easy, lighter style.	2018	85	2018-2026
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BV Merlot R

2009: perfumed nose, sweet and floral then grippy tannins and clean, fresh fruit, if a touch lean.	2009	84	2009-2017
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2016: mid ruby with a wood hint over juicy	2016	88	2016-2027
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and forward fruit, balanced and with gravitas.

2017: dark spicy nose, mixed ripe fruit depth, dry and forward with some muscle, straightforward.	2017	88	2018-2028
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2018: intense red berry and cherry fruited, silky yet dry with spice hint and darker fruit finish.	2018	88	2019-2029
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Guru Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot

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2016: lashings of sinewy French oak and classic cigar box notes on a fairly fruited, balanced and nicely harmonious wine, good value for a serious success.	2016	89	2018-2028
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Integer Bordeaux Blend

RR

2016: ruby mauve depths, soft ripe fruit seduction, violets, cherry and mulberry, sensuous, complex and long.	2016	93	2018-2028
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2017: fresh and agile, light cherry and currant precision, silky harmonious and elegant with length and focus, delicious.	2017	93	2019-2029
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BV Pinotage

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2015: bright and forward juicy fruit, blueberry and cherry, finishing softly.	2015	86	2016-2026
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2017: leafy, game notes, rather rustic and sappy prematurely, with heavy blue fruits lurking.	2017	86	2018-2027
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2018: glossy health with classic blue fruit and bubblegum note, quite pale and clean and supple.	2018	87	2018-2028
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BV Cabernet Sauvignon

RR

2007: mid depth, lean, stewed fruit nose,	2007	87	2008-2017
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raspberries, sweet tobacco and cigar box, restrained style.			
2017: opaque shine, pungent hedgerow dark fruit boldness, blue mixed berries, muscular and tight and needing three years.	2017	89	2019-2027
2018: just mid depth and weight, with vegetal tomato leaf nose, nice balance, effective hedgerow fruits and more restrained style.	2018	88	2019-2028

Integer Cabernet Sauvignon RR

2008: delicate nose of oak and lead pencil over savoury generous fruit with depth and complexity.	2008	90	2010-2019
2013: mid ruby, perfumed nose with overt blue fruits, nicely balanced and showing no age.	2013	90	2014-2025

BV Shiraz R

2007: rich violet nose then woody flavours with rough black fruits. Individual style to love or hate.	2007	88	2008-2017
2015: opaque ruby, sweet nose, mulberry and spice, smooth and fruit driven.	2015	86	2016-2026
2017: inky depth, overt damson fruit nose, juicy bright palate with vanilla wood, violets and plums, smooth and generous.	2017	92	2018-2029
2018: pale ruby, more fruit driven and lighter styled, easy-going and not peppery or spicy, juicy plum warmth.	2018	87	2018-2028

Integer Syrah RR

2007: deep hue, leather and plum nose with oaky notes and tannins. Rich, spicy fruit, big and masculine.	2007	92	2009-2019
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Integer Shiraz/Mourvedre/Carignan

RR

2015: deep and soft, lush, rich and deep fruited, currant lozenge ripeness and very long.	2015 91 2016-2027
2016: lustrous hue, ripe vanilla and plum nose, overt spice and lush fruit, layered, comforting and full, delicious.	2016 92 2018-2029
2017: deep ruby gloss, rich currant nose, lots of mulberry, plum, very fine and fruit driven, complex and special. Lovely fruit core.	2017 93 2019-2030