

Journey's End Wine Estate

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WO; Coastal/Stellenbosch



Vintage Score best drinking

Sauvignon Blanc RR

2013: bright, zippy green fruit, textured and very long. Nicely balanced.	2013	87	2013-2019
2018: mid weight and nicely balanced between citrus and tropical fruits, easy and softened.	2018	84	2018-2026

Weather Station Sauvignon Blanc R

2015: rich and full with lots of lees softening and thickening mouthfeel.	2015	84	2015-2022
2018: adamantine and rather blunt, with bitter lemon and lime crunch, medium bodied and classic wet pebbles throughout.	2018	87	2018-2026
2020: appealing nose of tangy orange peel and flavours of citrus and tropical fruits overlain with metal rasp, nicely balanced and moreish.	2020	87	2020-2027
2021: deliciously balanced of exotic fruit and phenolic richness with grape acidity, lemon and melon, poised and the best so far.	2021	91	2021-2028
2022: grapefruit and lemon, gooseberries and a bright, zesty palate, not as complex as the '21, but still nice.	2022	89	2022-2028

Chardonnay R

2013: oak platform, rich fruit, straightforward for easy drinking.	2013	85	2013-2019
2018: mild menthol note and mineral dryness, with gentle tropical nuances, just mid weight and pleasant.	2018	86	2018-2026
2019: energetic and vibrant, with lemon sherbet, pineapple, warm fruit salad and creamy oatmeal length, a splendid vintage.	2019	90	2019-2027
2021: peasant, clean and fruity New World style, mixed warm yellow fruits, lacking any real identity.	2021	87	2021-2027

V1 Chardonnay

RR

	2006	91	2006-2014
	2011	89	2011-2019
2012: lots of new oak and rich flavours, beautifully balanced and with real class.	2012	89	2012-2022
2017: wood notes on a steely, sinewy orange fruited wine, full and expressive.	2017	88	2017-2026
2018: oak support behind precise fruit focus, rich and exotic yet delicate and very accessible.	2018	89	2019-2027

Destination Chardonnay

RRR

2014: still bright and frisky despite obvious MLF and oak inference. Weighty finish with style.	2014	88	2014-2022
2017: full and textured with good acid balance and long and complex fruit layers.	2017	89	2017-2027
2018: a wine with nothing held back, intense fruit core, lees and wood richness, soft apricot and peach pit fruits, texture, voluptuous if needing backbone.	2018	91	2019-2028

Pastor's Blend

RR

2015: dark and spicy with a simple, agricultural palate, full and comforting if rather unsophisticated.	2015	86	2017-2025
2017: Lovely sweet fruit, shy nose then expressive dark and spicy attack.	2017	87	2017-2026
2018: softly balanced, perfumed and deeply fruited, tannins and wood in harmony on a great value wine.	2018	90	2019-2027
2019: rather shy then a soft, dark fruit palate with wood sinew grip, less refined than the '18.	2019	88	2020-2027
2020: seamless and rich, with dark currants, subtle oak and a layered palate, lovely.	2020	91	2022-2030

V2 Merlot

RR

	2005	85	2005-2014
2009: nice development and tertiary notes, still holding red berry fruit despite obvious aging.	2009	85	2009-2018
2015: initial tannic bite, then chewy and bright fruit, finishing lighter.	2015	87	2015-2025
2016: crushed blackberries with pepper spice note and furry vanilla oak tannins in a full-on wine, impressive, solid and full of an expansive black fruited core.	2016	90	2018-2028

Trebouchet Red

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2014: dry and grippy with savoury red berry notes and hints of autumn leaves.	2014	83	2014-2021
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Cabernet Sauvignon

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2008: slow to show, then unwinds and offers ripe, balanced black fruits and length.	2008	87	2009-2021
2009: showing beautifully at six years, balanced, smooth and luxurious.	2009	92	2009-2024
2015: elegant, darkly fruited with mulberry	2015	88	2015-2026

and a hint of hedgerow. Still young.			
2016: full bodied and very smooth, with furry tannins, intense crushed blackberries, cocoa powder and spice note.	2016	91	2018-2028

Cape Doctor The Red RRR

2012: opaque and dense smelling, with big rich fruit, dark and serious yet retaining elegance.	2012	91	2014-2026
2016: dark as night and reflecting intensive care and attention, plum and damson core, silky tannins, oak support, richness yet elegance. Wonderful.	2016	93	2019-2029

The Huntsman SMV RR

2016: dark berry fruits, not too grippy or Viognier perfumed, somewhat rustic but effective to be enjoyed not analysed.	2016	86	2016-2026
2018: sweet vanilla lift on a ripe fruited, juicy wine with violets, plum and blackcurrant jelly, soft and warming.	2018	88	2019-2027

V3 Shiraz RR

2015: sweet, juicy fruit forward, nice depth, intense and clean and enjoyable.	2015	86	2015-2025
2017: voluptuous and silky, with soft cocoa powder tannins and black fruited core with white pepper hint. Full and supple.	2017	90	2019-2029

Griffin Syrah RRR

2012: lighter style with forward juicy fruitiness and less pepper. Easy and with some	2012	87	2012-2022
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elegance.			
2015: sweet fruit and sweet US oak hint, soft and generous with plum fruit richness, very nice.	2015	89	2016-2026
2016: fulsome, seductive and very smooth, this powerful wine retains elegance and intense fruit profile throughout.	2016	92	2018-2028