

## Kaapzicht Wine Estate

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*Vintage Score best drinking*

### Sauvignon Blanc

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<b>2011:</b> pale, shy nose, light bodied, fresh and zesty.	<b>2011</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2011-2016</b>
<b>2013:</b> little colour over a dry, green apple palate with grippy acidity and the slightest tropical hint.	<b>2013</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2013-2019</b>
<b>2017:</b> like drinking the juice at the bottom of a fruit salad, pleasant but ill-defined, yet nicely gentle tropical notes and just enough acidity.	<b>2017</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2017-2024</b>
<b>2018:</b> bright and zesty summer fruits, mango, melon, peach and wet pebble note and all in a nicely balanced, gentle style.	<b>2018</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2019:</b> less fruity than '18, with muted tropical notes and some green citrus with lots of dry mineral punch.	<b>2019</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2019-2027</b>
<b>2022:</b> nicely green stone fruit based with pleasant warmer fruit finish, brisk, dry and very enjoyable.	<b>2022</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2022-2028</b>

### Chenin Blanc

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	<b>2008</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2008-2013</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2010-2016</b>
<b>2011:</b> bright, fruity, simple, clean and honest, if not very demanding.	<b>2011</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2011-2018</b>

<b>2012:</b> lots of chewy malic fruit, a real mouthful and in a clean, linear style.	<b>2012</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2012-2018</b>
<b>2013:</b> softer than '12 and with a round ill-defined mouthfeel but pleasant green apple underlay.	<b>2013</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2013-2019</b>
<b>2014:</b> peeled Granny Smith apples, lightish weight but persistent and profound notes of lime and grapefruit.	<b>2014</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2014-2021</b>
<b>2016:</b> fullish, with slightly subdued zesty fruit, needs to open, not the clarity of the '12.	<b>2016</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2017:</b> lighter than '16, almost dilute, with hints of pale green fruit and simple finish.	<b>2017</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2018:</b> lively and with acetone hint, extreme pineapple chunk sweets and apple notes, fullish and straightforward.	<b>2018</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>
<b>2019:</b> mouthfilling forward green citrus, apple and lime note punch, good weight and pleasing complexity.	<b>2019</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>
<b>2021:</b> green fruited and brisk, almost too brisk, with crunchy apple notes and a firm mouthfeel, needs time.	<b>2021</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2022-2028</b>

## The 1947 Chenin Blanc RRRR

<b>2018:</b> very pale and steely fresh, with clean stone yellow fruits and firm structure, needing time to reveal its true beauty.	<b>2018</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2020-2030</b>
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## Combination R

<b>2010:</b> pale lime, crisp simple fruit with some soft mouthfeel.	<b>2010</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2010-2016</b>
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## Kaleidoscope White R

<b>2018:</b> a blend which is interesting and does the job, but lacks definition and anything memorable. A nice quaffer, though.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2024</b>
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## Chardonnay R

	<b>2006</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2006-2011</b>
<b>2009:</b> pale straw, oaky nose then full tropical creaminess and obviously good quality fruit.	<b>2009</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2009-2017</b>

## Pinotage Rosé R

<b>2021:</b> performed and slightly confected nose, then dry cherry pastille bite, full and delicious with varietal character, very nice.	<b>2021</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2021-2027</b>
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## Cinsault RR

<b>2017:</b> mid weight, overt, juicy berry nose and mouthfilling attack, lively and most enjoyable.	<b>2017</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2017-2025</b>
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## Pinot Noir RR

<b>2016:</b> bright and zappy, with bitter cherry flavours and a rapier clean fruit focus. Quite tight, still.	<b>2016</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
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## Kaleidoscope Red R

<b>2010:</b> deep hue, spicy plums and a rustic grippy palate. Straightforward but filling.	<b>2010</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2010-2016</b>
<b>2016:</b> bold and quite solid, with dark winter fruits, nice grip and lingering presence remaining accessible	<b>2016</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>

and fruity throughout.

<b>2018:</b> chunky and full fruited, with dried and stewed black fruits, medium bodied and with hints of bitumen and liquorice, doesn't linger.	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2019-2027</b>
<b>2019:</b> less distinct than the '18, with juicy soft mixed berry fruit, subtle dry wood with some spice and dark earth note.	<b>2019</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2020-2027</b>
<b>2020:</b> seems harsher and less smooth than the '19, well made and acceptable, if undistinguished.	<b>2020</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>

## Estate Red

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<b>2009:</b> burnt blue fruits on the nose, similar juicy sweet char on the palate.	<b>2009</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2010-2017</b>
<b>2017:</b> full fruited mixed red and blue berries, nicely rustic, not exactly complex but enjoyable and good value.	<b>2017</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>

## Bin 3 Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot/Malbec

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<b>2009:</b> opaque, expressive black fruits with firm tannins, savoury and very dry. Will keep.	<b>2009</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2010-2017</b>
<b>2010:</b> plummy, garnet hue, then heaps of spicy raisiny notes and stewed plums with a dry tannic backbone.	<b>2010</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2011-2020</b>
<b>2013:</b> dark, rustic and with bite, lots of black hedgerow fruits, competent if not unique.	<b>2013</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2013-2023</b>
<b>2015:</b> robust winter fruited with mixed berry notes, not overly grippy but juicy, seductive and well defined.	<b>2015</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2016:</b> gutsy and dark fruited, spice grip, rather agricultural, a bold and forward version, effective but brusque.	<b>2016</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>

## Merlot

RR

	<b>2002 90 2003-2010</b>
<b>2008:</b> bright, sweet nose, hints of jam and coffee with black cherry. Good depth of flavour.	<b>2008 87 2010-2018</b>
<b>2015:</b> deep hue, rich body and full-flavoured with a forest fruit punch, very serious and will improve.	<b>2015 88 2016-2027</b>

## The Castle

<b>2012:</b> shy yet, very dry blue fruits and grippy tannins, will improve.	<b>2012 88 2012-2022</b>
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## Pinotage RR

<b>2003:</b> all leather rather than liquorice, with smooth and integrated tannins and savoury notes.	<b>2003 87 2003-2018</b>
	<b>2006 91 2008-2019</b>
<b>2008:</b> prunes and damson nose, then leather and liquorice flavours, chewy and clearly Pinotage.	<b>2008 90 2010-2019</b>
<b>2010:</b> rich, full-bodied and forward, spicy and very dry, but lacking the class of their icons.	<b>2010 84 2010-2020</b>
<b>2016:</b> earthy, dark fruits, lots of ripe blueberries, grippy and dusty dry.	<b>2016 86 2017-2027</b>
<b>2017:</b> sweet ripe fruits, quite bold and juicy, mixed dark berries and an easy-going style with supple tannins.	<b>2017 86 2017-2026</b>

## Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot R

<b>2016:</b> pencil shavings and red berry nose then explosive bramble and currant palate, ripe and round and very pleasant.	<b>2016 88 2016-2025</b>
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## Cabernet Sauvignon RR

	2004	91	2006-2014
<b>2008:</b> rich liqueur nose but mouthwatering piercing clean cassis fruit on the palate. Precise, restrained opulence; very nice.	2008	92	2010-2019
<b>2010:</b> dry, cedary and with quality oak in a classic sweet fruit Cabernet style.	2010	86	2010-2021
<b>2016:</b> forward and bright, with ripe fruit boldness, pliant and not too grippy, dark berry notes and easy satisfaction.	2016	87	2017-2026
<b>2019:</b> inky depth on a barrel sample, showing herbaceous eucalyptus notes, a touch leafy, and nicely dark fruited and dry.	2019	88	2020-2028

## Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve RRR

<b>2015:</b> sinewy and leaner styled, with warming deep fruit, layered and tightly wound, needs time.	2015	89	2018-2028
<b>2017:</b> barrel sample has blueberry notes, chestnut hint, herbs and forest fruits in a ripe and easy style.	2017	88	2019-2029

## Shiraz RR

	2005	91	2007-2018
<b>2008:</b> strange mocha coffee nose then honest varietal notes in the mouth, vanilla, spice and blackberries with less pepperiness.	2008	91	2010-2019
<b>2014:</b> complex, spicy and overt, bold flavours, lots of forest bramble fruit remaining juicy.	2014	88	2015-2027
<b>2015:</b> stylish and with some elegance, not overly peppery or spicy, but with supple fruity impact.	2015	88	2017-2027

## Steytler Pinotage RRR

<b>2008:</b> luminous hue, grippy oak tannins and ripe fruit tannins mix with rich liquorice stick and lean blue fruits.	<b>2008</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2010-2020</b>
<b>2012:</b> vibrant and expressive, lovely ripe fruits, delicious but finishing a touch hot.	<b>2012</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>

## Steytler Vision

RRR

	<b>2006</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2008-2018</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2008-2019</b>
<b>2008:</b> spicy red berry nose, dark sweet fruit with focus and alluring sexiness. Obvious quality but needs time to open.	<b>2008</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2010-2019</b>

## Steytler Pentagon

RRRR

<b>2008:</b> herb and mint aromas, complex ripe fruit in layers with confident yet elegant Cabernet notes. Needs another 2 years but lovely now.	<b>2008</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2010-2020</b>
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## Cape Vintage

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<b>2006:</b> dusty raisons, stewed mulberries and damsons wrapped in warm alcohol and dry tannins. Quite special.	<b>2006</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2008-2021</b>
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## Natural Sweet

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	<b>2007</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2007-2012</b>
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