

Kanonkop Estate

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WO; Stellenbosch

Immensely busy fine wine producer, retaining its friendly personal contact despite international visitors keen to experience icon wines.



Vintage Score best drinking

Pinotage Rosé

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2010: salmon hued, ripe juicy strawberry mousse flavours with a touch of sweetness.	2010	82	2010-2017
2012: rose petal syrup nose, freeze dried Turkish delight and deliciously crunchy dry bite.	2012	86	2012-2018
2013: perfumed and very dry, with lots of classy fruit and a standard bearer.	2013	83	2013-2018
2014: dusky rose petal with hint of sour cherry, chunky and firm and very serious.	2014	83	2014-2019
2015: a solid crunch with body and 14% alcohol. Perfect summer red berry melange.	2015	86	2015-2021
2016: familiar viscous feel and mouthfilling summer fruits with just enough bite.	2016	84	2016-2023
2017: palest copper, softer mouthfeel, less weighty than previous, pleasant and honest.	2017	82	2017-2024
2018: delicate pink, dry dusty nose, underripe raspberry and sweet cherry, rather blunt and less elegant than the '16	2018	84	2018-2026
2019: so pale and with the barest hint of red fruit, decidedly not sticky or sweet, but as ever, confident, appealing and terrific value.	2019	86	2019-2027
2020: more overt and sweetly perfumed than '19, but as dry and mouthfilling, packed with cherry, redcurrant	2020	88	2020-2028

and raspberry flavours.

2021: just keeps getting better, so pale yet so perfumed, with full and luscious rose water and talcum powder, just right.	2021	89	2021-2027
2022: pale as ever, with dry berry crunch and nice weight, not quite as memorable as the '21, but always good.	2022	87	2022-2028

Kadette Cape Blend R

	2007	85	2007-2012
	2008	84	2008-2015
2010: spicy bramble nose then soft, mouthfilling juicy fruit oozing charm.	2010	85	2010-2018
2011: black liquorice and spice fruit from pinotage led blend. Intense chewy and overt.	2011	84	2011-2019
2012: muscular and forward, with dark, gritty fruit and plump attractiveness.	2012	84	2012-2021
2013: competent and pleasant, fruity and faultless, if lacking identity.	2013	80	2013-2023
2014: solid and full-on, dark spicy fruits in a linear way, always reliable.	2014	82	2014-2024
2015: deep and briary, with lush mulberry spice, if lacking some point of difference.	2015	83	2016-2026
2016: touch rough and uncouth, fullish and bold as ever, dark but hardly smooth.	2016	81	2017-2025
2017: spice and big dark berry fruits, earthy, rustic and comforting, great value.	2017	86	2017-2026
2018: dark and brooding, with charred meat, burned leather and liquorice, nicely rustic and balanced.	2018	87	2019-2027
2019: deep, again, with dark spicy fruit, full and proud yet staying smooth and friendly in youth, another winner.	2019	89	2021-2029

Kadette Pinotage

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2012: full of fruit, dry and balanced, with style and enjoyment.	2012	85	2012-2019
2016: lush and rich, yet retaining elegance and smooth, spicy fruit. Great value for a quality wine.	2016	88	2016-2026
2017: shiny ruby depth, forward fruity nose, lots of mulberry, plum and hint of savoury spice. Juicy and mouthfilling.	2017	87	2018-2027
2018: muscular and chunky, with bramble fruit satisfaction, soft mouthfeel and alluring ripeness, reliable as ever.	2018	88	2019-2028

Pinotage

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	2004	90	2006-2017
	2006	91	2008-2020
	2007	93	2009-2021
	2009	89	2011-2019
2010: rich liquorice nose then generous spicy fruit with tannin bite. Real quality and pure hedonism.	2010	92	2012-2022
2011: perfumed and overt but more approachable vintage, still with rich, honest fruit	2011	90	2012-2022
2013: full bodied with sweet fruit, classy oak and a delicate touch. Delicious.	2013	93	2015-2026
2016: deep sweet fruit, intricate and rich, with spicy depth and serious length.	2016	90	2016-2029
2017: opaque depth, smoky ripe berried nose, lusty dark fruited core, ripe and full and intensely rich.	2017	93	2018-2030
2018: blue fruit forward nose, classic bitumen note, dusky sweet vanilla, spice and currants, very ripe and dark.	2018	91	2019-2030

Black Label Pinotage

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2016: inky depth, mocha and blueberry richness, silky fine tannins and opening continually, pure decadence. A truly fine wine.	2016	94	2017-2030
2017: inky centre, sweet vanilla nose and dusty prune and blueberry layers, very dry and showing vanilla oak in youth, needs time to reveal true potential.	2017	95	2019-2032
2018: glossy and vibrant with a serious nose then bursting with opulent blue fruits, intense yet balanced and smooth, profound and compelling, wonderful.	2018	95	2020-2032

Kadette Cabernet Sauvignon

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2018: typically rugged and dark fruited melange, dry and needing time, with quality fruit and full-on feel. Will relax and improve.	2018	90	2020-2028
2019: deep and succulent, with spicy ripe black fruits, smooth and balanced, very pleasing.	2019	89	2020-2028

Cabernet Sauvignon

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	1998	92	2000-2018
1999: tasted at 18yrs of age and still rich garnet hue, red berry fruit, slightly lean but lingering with class.	1999	91	2002-2016
2001: still rich and fruity and holding its colour at age seventeen. Herbs, game, and forest berries.	2001	92	2003-2022
	2003	95	2005-2023
	2004	94	2006-2020
	2005	92	2007-2017
	2006	92	2008-2018
	2008	90	2010-2018
2009: at age ten this had smooth, lush integrated	2009	92	2011-2022

dark fruits, little fading, structure and expressive class.			
2012: already accessible at 3 years but showing such balance, ripeness and class that the future looks glorious.	2012	92	2014-2026
2013: shy still and youthfull, with brooding sweet fruit, dark cassis, silky and complex.	2013	92	2014-2028
2014: nicely balanced with dark fruits, cedar and accessible tannins, opens slowly, drink before '13.	2014	89	2015-2027
2015: beautiful balance of intensity and overt berry notes with elegance, suppleness and ripe cassis and pencil shavings. Will be a star.	2015	93	2018-2031
2016: wonderfully elegant and balanced, with silky mulberry and cassis notes, layers of interest and hidden wood support, excellent.	2016	93	2018-2030
2017: pre-release has overt dark fruit, big and rich and complex, a full mid palate and great length. Will be splendid.	2017	92	2021-2032

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	2004	94	2005-2025
	2005	93	2008-2018
	2006	94	2009-2020
	2008	90	2009-2018
2009: richly hued mid depth, quiet nose at present then layered classy fruit with fine tannins and terrific length. Impressive, and will improve.	2009	94	2012-2022
2012: still young and with promise, ripe fruit, balance, harmony and refinement.	2012	92	2014-2025
2014: garnet/ruby hue, ripe, smooth and elegant, hedgerow and blackcurrant, opening slowly, classy.	2014	92	2015-2029
2015: deep garnet, balanced sweet fruit, red berry and wood, layered, rich and not overblown, will improve.	2015	94	2017-2030
2016: paler and more elegant than the '15, with earlier approachability, brighter acid balance, fresh cherry and blue fruit depth but still very classy and needing time.	2016	93	2019-2029

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2012: sweet nose, clean vibrant, plummy
fruit, sappy but with fine tannins.

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