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The FMC vineyard woos you as you drive the tree lined avenue to the re-vamped tasting room. Great wines indeed, most needing time to really perform.

Vintage Score best drinking

Sparklehorse MCC

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| 2015: Chenin based and showing green apple and quince notes, big soft mousse and pleasant tickle, for easy enjoyment. | 2015 | 84 | 2015-2025 |
| 2016: pale and quite fine, with brisk lemony freshness, feint yeast notes, persistant mousse and delicate feel. | 2016 | 86 | 2016-2026 |
| 2017: opens delicately, with crisp lemony note, then more oatmeal and biscuit, then light stone fruit dryness. | 2017 | 88 | 2017-2027 |
| 2019: nicely golden hued, with gentle mousse and feint biscuit nose then full palate mouthfeel, very nice. | 2019 | 89 | 2020-2028 |

Petit Sauvignon Blanc

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| 2012: watery with zesty nose. Green fruits with some exotic fruit hints. Lighter style. | 2012 | 74 | 2012-2018 |
| 2014: hint of cream over tropical fruit, seems softened and light, with a short finish. | 2014 | 80 | 2014-2020 |
| 2017: gentle green and yellow fruit with some creamy fattening but finishing nicely crisp. | 2017 | 82 | 2017-2024 |
| 2018: steely and bright, if rather abrupt, lots of grapefruit and lemon dry bite, very refreshing. | 2018 | 84 | 2018-2025 |

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| 2019: bold and packed with green fruits and lime hint with exotic fruit tones, rich and oily and finishing tangy, ridiculous value. | 2019 | 88 | 2019-2027 |
| 2020: bright and zingy, but with enough weight and roundness to effectively show cut grass, citrus and a grapefruit punch. | 2020 | 87 | 2020-2027 |
| 2021: pronounced green fruit nose, some melon, lime and more exotic passion fruit coming through, tangy and likeable. | 2021 | 87 | 2021-2028 |
| 2022: less forward than the '21, mineral slatey green fruit, light and easy. | 2022 | 84 | 2022-2028 |
| 2023: ultra green fruited and steely, grapefruit, barely ripe citrus, quite a challenge. | 2023 | 82 | 2023-2028 |

Reserve Sauvignon Blanc

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| 2006: at age 13 this showed mid gold depth, a clean orange peel and honey nose, lanolin texture and intact acidity, very special indeed. | 2006 | 90 | 2006-2020 |
| | 2008 | 82 | 2008-2016 |
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| | 2010 | 80 | 2010-2018 |
| 2012: pale lime, fruit salad nose then brisk acidity, warm fruit and just medium weight. | 2012 | 77 | 2012-2019 |
| 2014: reserved steely and mineral, with green crunch and some nice fruit. | 2014 | 84 | 2014-2020 |
| 2015: lighter style with fresh stone fruits and softened mouthfeel. Hints of wet pebbles. | 2015 | 83 | 2015-2021 |
| 2017: mid straw depth, bright and tangy fruit with a chunky mouthfeel, competent and savoury textured. | 2017 | 87 | 2017-2024 |
| 2018: perfumed and vibrant, with grapefruit, lime and yellow fruit attack, fresh and with substance, textured and lingering. | 2018 | 90 | 2018-2027 |
| 2019: very pale with full mouthfeel and lots of rich mixed fruit flavours, lees contact body and a long finish. | 2019 | 90 | 2020-2028 |
| 2022: flinty and steely, with youthful tightness yet to show, some tropical notes and minerality. | 2022 | 89 | 2023-2029 |

Haan Se Poot

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| 2016: small batch dry Muscat Hanepoot, delightfully fragrant, jasmine, orange and white flowers, fresh and fun. | 2016 | 88 | 2016-2024 |
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Petit Chenin Blanc

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| | 2009 | 76 | 2009-2016 |
| | 2010 | 74 | 2010-2016 |
| 2012: pale hue, green apple nose and soft savoury fruit with dry finish. | 2012 | 75 | 2012-2018 |
| 2013: savoury grip and delicious marzipan lemon lingering finish, layered and a step up. | 2013 | 86 | 2013-2020 |
| 2014: Sauvignon-like green apple crunch and grippy acidity, just a hint of Quince, light and refreshing. | 2014 | 84 | 2014-2020 |
| 2015: consistently clean, fresh and honest, with crunchy quince and lime notes. | 2015 | 84 | 2015-2022 |
| 2016: brisk and crunchy, still to open, but with full fruity promise. | 2016 | 83 | 2016-2024 |
| 2017: citrus bite and nicely savoury with just mid weight and a pleasant mouthfeel. | 2017 | 83 | 2017-2025 |
| 2018: like biting into a firm granny Smith apple, robust, refreshing and satisfying, nicely weighted and great value. | 2018 | 85 | 2018-2027 |
| 2019: a successful vintage, showing ripe orange and pear drop notes, full flavoured and viscous, pristine and in perfect harmony. | 2019 | 88 | 2020-2028 |
| 2020: real class this vintage, with hessian textured green apple, dried honey and walnut note, and pleasant lanolin finish. | 2020 | 90 | 2021-2029 |
| 2021: less complex than the '20, but still packed with green fruit punch, clean rapier freshness and Granny Smith apples. | 2021 | 86 | 2021-2028 |
| 2022: ripe and gentle green fruits, melon and lime | 2022 | 85 | 2022-2028 |

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| with an apple skin hint, as reliable as ever. | | | |
| 2023: pristine fruit, so clean and succulent, guava, pineapple and more, an excellent version. | 2023 | 89 | 2023-2030 |

Terre Noire Swartland Chenin Blanc RRR

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| 2020: so crafted and textured, rich, compelling quince fruit, persistent and very premium. | 2020 | 93 | 2022-2030 |
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OV Reserve Chenin Blanc RR

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| 2000: at age 19 and a touch spirit, this held its structure and poise, had deep tangy yellow fruits, richness and complexity. Incredible. | 2000 | 93 | 2002-2020 |
| 2007: at 13 years old showing deep gold hue, Riesling nose, rich and soft fruit luxury, orange rind, still clean and delicious. | 2007 | 93 | 2009-2024 |
| | 2008 | 85 | 2009-2018 |
| 2011: chunky and savoury, a real mouthful of clean quince flavoured fruit. Needs time. | 2011 | 85 | 2011-2021 |
| 2012: full-on flavours, chewy and with lush quince fruit and heaps of character. | 2012 | 87 | 2012-2022 |
| 2014: dry and tangy, with rich marzipan and quince flavours, chunky and clean. | 2014 | 87 | 2014-2024 |
| 2016: yet to reveal itself, but offering classy, clean fruit –one to lay down. | 2016 | 88 | 2016-2026 |
| 2017: just mid weight, with dry steely mineral stone fruit, rather delicate and honest. Will improve. | 2017 | 84 | 2017-2024 |
| 2018: deep straw hue, wood hint, textured and mild yellow fruits, tangy if slightly subdued. | 2018 | 89 | 2019-2028 |
| 2019: paler than '18, with fresh tight fruit note, lees comes through with gentle apricot flavours, needs two years and will keep improving. | 2019 | 89 | 2021-2030 |
| 2021: subtle and less showy, then packed with textured apple and quince, very fine indeed. Will improve. | 2021 | 90 | 2022-2031 |

Vintage Chenin Blanc

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| 2006: mid gold hue, expressive nose, balanced ripe quince and walnuts, savoury and delicious. | 2006 | 92 | 2007-2022 |
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The FMC

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| 2006: at age 13 was deep gold, slightly oxidised but still with savoury tangerine bite, full mouthfeel and richness, very classy. | 2006 | 91 | 2007-2020 |
| | 2007 | 95 | 2009-2020 |
| 2008: retasted at age 11 and with honeycomb, quince and layered intensity, clean, precise yet unctuous, velvet smooth and very ripe. | 2008 | 95 | 2010-2024 |
| 2009: tasted at age 10 and simply superb, tangerine, walnuts and honey, rich and textured, tangy, still bright and so persistent. | 2009 | 96 | 2011-2024 |
| 2010: deep gold with overt honeyed nose with obvious botrytis. Sweet clean fruit, all apricot and smooth complex flavours. | 2010 | 93 | 2012-2025 |
| 2012: unfairly judged young, needs five more years but hints at real quality and intrigue. Green apple and honey notes with sage and dried fruit. | 2012 | 92 | 2014-2025 |
| 2013: harmonious and rich, yet delicate and with a gentle touch, will be great. | 2013 | 92 | 2015-2026 |
| 2016: mid gold and too youthful yet, more elegant than previously, with subtle nuanced personality. Will improve. | 2016 | 92 | 2017-2028 |
| 2018: despite its youth, already revealing complex yellow fruits and cream, pristine quality, length, and showing tight structure on the finish. | 2018 | 94 | 2020-2030 |

The Dirty Little Secret Two Chenin Blanc

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| NV: a combination of lively, pristine lemony fruit | NV | 92 | 2-12 years |
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with crisp lift, then unctuous and seductive intensity, warming and generous.

Petit Chardonnay

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| 2015: subtle with nice balance and a firm almost mineral white fruit note. Easy-going and satisfying. | 2015 | 83 | 2015-2023 |
| 2016: upfront tropical fruits, nicely restrained, delicious entry and mid but slightly metallic finish. | 2016 | 84 | 2016-2024 |
| 2019: bright and fresh with good weight from lees contact, silky textured with clean yellow exotic fruits, delicious. | 2019 | 89 | 2019-2027 |
| 2021: clean, precise winemaking, gentle mixed fruit with good balance if not very memorable. | 2021 | 87 | 2021-2028 |
| 2022: dry yellow fruits with a mineral, steely edge, a friendly 13% alcohol and always reliable. | 2022 | 87 | 2022-2028 |
| 2023: nicely understated and unmolested, this is full of precise yellow fruits, very nice. | 2023 | 88 | 2023-2029 |

Roussanne

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| 2012: white flowers and marzipan notes, with tea leaf and cream hints, layered and with some character. | 2012 | 88 | 2012-2022 |
| 2015: mid straw hue, shy floral notes, smooth jasmine and lime flavours, with good balance | 2015 | 89 | 2015-2025 |
| 2018: pale and shimmering, with aromatic floral notes, textured weighty mouthfeel, tangy clean fruit and balanced acidity, lovely. | 2018 | 92 | 2019-2028 |

Viognier

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| 2021: nicely restrained, not blowsy or showy, with | 2021 | 88 | 2012-2028 |
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subtle full bodied peach notes feeling big yet only
12.5% alcohol.

Petit Rosé

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| 2011: deep pink with Grenache weight and gutsy tannins. Dusty and dry. | 2011 | 74 | 2011-2016 |
| 2014: pale copper hue, rich aromas, dry, crunchy palate and serious flavours. Summer heaven. | 2014 | 85 | 2014-2020 |
| 2016: bursting with red berry richness, not too complex or long, but offering instant enjoyment and easy drinking. | 2016 | 84 | 2016-2022 |
| 2017: less obvious than '16, but offering subtle, layered berry fruit of greater sophistication. | 2017 | 84 | 2017-2023 |
| 2018: pale pink with overt nose suggesting ripeness then pleasant dry and dusty palate of barely ripe strawberry, crunchy and satisfying. | 2018 | 84 | 2018-2024 |
| 2019: dusky pink and bursting with confected strawberry fruit, seeming sweet with obvious ripeness, just for summer. | 2019 | 83 | 2019-2024 |
| 2021: nicely taut and restrained, showing some tannic bite with dried red berry fruit, just right. | 2021 | 86 | 2021-2028 |
| 2022: seamless summer red berries and blood orange, perfectly balanced and consistently good. | 2022 | 86 | 2022-2028 |
| 2023: dry and refreshing, with summer fruit pudding hint, easy drinking. | 2023 | 85 | 2023-2028 |

Misfits Cinsault

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| 2020: pale mauve hue, unique and full of character, with musky perfumed cherry, plums and liquorice, long and pristine and memorable. | 2020 | 93 | 2020-2028 |
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Petit Merlot

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| 2019: perfectly acceptable and user friendly mixed berry and gently smoky medly, if unremarkable. | 2019 | 87 | 2019-2026 |
| 2020: full fruited, smooth and easy, with round mouthfeel and a slightly aggressive finish. | 2020 | 86 | 2020-2027 |
| 2021: ripe ad clean berry flavours, good weight, enjoyable, balanced and difficult to dislike. | 2021 | 86 | 2021-2027 |
| 2022: darker berry fruited than expected, with a degree of bite, but always easy-going and nicely balanced. | 2022 | 85 | 2022-2028 |
| 2023: rather awkward in youth, but again packed with juicy, ripe fruit. | 2023 | 84 | 2023-2028 |

Merlot RR

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| | 2005 | 88 | 2006-2018 |
| 2009: obvious colour change and savoury developed nose. Grippy tannins and spicy dark fruit. | 2009 | 80 | 2010-2019 |
| 2012: oak dominant, grippy tannins and very dry, nice herby bitter cherry flavours. | 2012 | 87 | 2012-2022 |

Pat's Garden Merlot (was Reserve) RR

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| 2013: lots of red berry flavours and a dry, almost lean bite from oak. | 2013 | 87 | 2013-2024 |
| 2015: deep hue, black cherry and oak, dry but finishing nicely juicy. | 2015 | 86 | 2016-2026 |
| 2016: wood hint on the nose, then dark cherry fruit bite, opening to a softer, juicier finish. | 2016 | 87 | 2017-2027 |

Petit Pinotage R

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| 2012: deep purple, overt juicy lozenge | 2012 | 82 | 2012-2018 |
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| nose then light but pristine fresh fruit. | | | |
| 2013: deep red berry summer pudding and jelly. Full fruited, straightforward, very drinkable. | 2013 | 83 | 2013-2019 |
| 2014: intense nose, all blackcurrant, banana and TCP. Bold flavours, a real fruit bomb. | 2014 | 84 | 2014-2021 |
| 2015: marginally less silky than '14, but still packed with punchy plum flavours and more texture. | 2015 | 85 | 2015-2022 |
| 2016: deep and syrupy, in a good way, with undefined dark fruits. Smoother version. | 2016 | 83 | 2016-2024 |
| 2017: hugely fruity, with deep and lush blueberry notes, smooth and satisfying. | 2017 | 85 | 2017-2026 |
| 2018: squashed blackcurrants, prunes and liquorice abound in this lush and juicy approachable wine. Great value. | 2018 | 86 | 2018-2027 |
| 2019: Bible black and scented, slightly medicinal, then lush soft blue fruits, juicy and generous, seamless and very satisfying. | 2019 | 89 | 2019-2028 |
| 2020: silky smooth and succulent without being blowsy, pastille-like but in a good way, if slightly brief. | 2020 | 87 | 2020-2028 |
| 2021: cherry-black and ultra smooth, with honest varietal tang, deeply fruited if straightforward. | 2021 | 87 | 2021-2028 |
| 2022: nicely balanced with dark berry richness but not overblown, reliable as ever. | 2022 | 86 | 2022-2028 |

Petit Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot

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| 2011: garnet hue, earthy sweet nose, dusty soft blue fruits. Just medium weight. | 2011 | 76 | 2011-2018 |
| 2012: pale for Cabernet and a touch jammy with clean, simple fruit. | 2012 | 79 | 2012-2019 |
| 2013: textured and rich, with black supple fruit and spice bite. Serious and with class. | 2013 | 84 | 2013-2022 |
| 2014: certainly not shy, dark, weighty fruit, clean, robust if not too refined. | 2014 | 82 | 2014-2025 |

Petit Cabernet Sauvignon

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| 2015: rugged and dark fruited, a touch baked and with some initial bitter grip, needs to settle. | 2015 | 77 | 2015-2023 |
| 2016: full frontal blackcurrant lozenge, ultra juicy, easy-going and lowish alcohol at 13%. | 2016 | 80 | 2016-2026 |
| 2017: very lush and pastille version, lozenge silky richness, dark bramble fruit, very accessible. | 2017 | 83 | 2017-2026 |
| 2018: full soft and juicy ripe, with blackcurrant and bitumen notes, uncomplicated crowd pleaser. | 2018 | 83 | 2018-2027 |
| 2019: liquid plums and blue fruits in a full and forward style, bursting with juicy ripeness, clean, attractive and easy-going. | 2019 | 85 | 2019-2028 |
| 2020: more dusty cocoa powder and mocha note than '19, with familiar dark and supple fruit density, still accessible young. | 2020 | 86 | 2020-2028 |
| 2021: dark and full, but rather uncouth and almost with bite on its mixed black fruit base. | 2021 | 85 | 2022-2028 |
| 2022: full fruited and smoother than the '21, still as accessible in youth as ever, one to enjoy young. | 2022 | 86 | 2022-2028 |

Renegade (was Grenache/Syrah)

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| 2001: rich and full fruited at age 18, with red berry clean fruit, balance, harmony, length, still expressive and charming, quite exceptional. | 2001 | 94 | 2003-2022 |
| 2002: Renegade forerunner at age 17 had funky rustic nose, slightly grubby in feel then dark spicy winter berry fruit, good tannin base and long finish. | 2002 | 90 | 2004-2020 |
| 2008: light garnet, shy nose then ripe, juicy black fruits with spice and dry finish. Lovely balance. | 2008 | 85 | 2009-2019 |
| 2011: big, bold and spicy, with firm tannins and dark fruit, finishing very dry | 2011 | 87 | 2011-2022 |

and a touch bitter oak.

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| 2012: paler, shy nose, simple dark fruit in a rustic satisfying style. | 2012 | 86 | 2013-2023 |
| 2013: full fruited and big, yet with style and layers of fruit. Still needs time. | 2013 | 90 | 2013-2024 |
| 2014: bold cherry fruited, fresh and vibrant with elegant palate and focussed juicy fruit, very seductive. | 2014 | 92 | 2016-2026 |
| 2016: pale depth, very fruity and forward with ripe cherry and earth notes, supple and impressive. | 2016 | 90 | 2017-2027 |
| 2019: much paler and lighter than expected as Shiraz led, ripe, berry fruits, sleek and balanced. | 2019 | 88 | 2020-2029 |

Fijndraai Van Colter Family Reserve Red

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| 2015: sweet nose aromas then big and fresh winter red berry fruits, rustic and with earth tones and spice hint, very nice. | 2015 | 92 | 2017-2027 |
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The Three Halves

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| 2007: some aging and tertiary notes. Savoury and dry with gamey flavours of lean berry fruits. | 2007 | 90 | 2008-2019 |
| 2011: rustic hedgerow nose, earthy blackberry and herb notes, a winter warmer. | 2011 | 88 | 2012-2022 |
| 2013: some brick edge shy but brooding nose, tertiary, leather notes, forest dark fruit depths. | 2013 | 88 | 2015-2024 |

The Gypsy

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| 2004: at age 15 screwcap version had red fruit intensity, a silky core of dark currants, freshness and good colour. Under cork was more spicy, developed and Rhône-like. | 2004 | 91 | 2005-2022 |
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| 2009: medium weight with stewed fruit nose then huge pristine fruit; classy, layoured and long. | 2009 | 92 | 2011-2022 |
| 2010: mouthfilling with rich fruit, forest notes and dark spice. Quite a pleasant rustic honesty. | 2010 | 90 | 2012-2022 |
| 2011: some tertiary notes with spicy black fruits, cedar and roasted meat, full and serious. | 2011 | 89 | 2012-2023 |
| 2014: intensely coloured, big and plush with savoury plum notes, powerful yet long and velvety and very compelling. | 2014 | 94 | 2016-2026 |
| 2015: Grenache led and glossy pale, good acid lift on red cherry bright fruit, nimble and clean belying its 14.5% alcohol. | 2015 | 92 | 2017-2027 |

Reserve Noble Late Harvest RRR

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| 2017: rich and heavy, but not negatively, with classic dried fruit melange, sweet but balanced and delicious. | 2017 | 89 | 2018-2029 |
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| 2017: mid straw hue, dried candied fruit nose but not overly sweet on the palate, intense, tangy and nicely poised. | 2017 | 87 | 2017-2027 |
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