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WO; Stellenbosch / Coastal / Western Cape



Vintage Score best drinking

Sauvignon Blanc

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2018: very watery, with slightly subdued nose of green fig and citrus, just bright enough and finishing with a light mouthfeel.

2018 84 2018-2025

2019: lots of green citrus attack, very fresh and light but impossible to ignore.

2019 84 2019-2025

Pinot Gris

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2022: delightfully perfumed, talcum powder, summer garden, and richly fruited for the variety. Delicious.

2022 90 2022-2029

Unwooded Chardonnay

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2015: hints of cream and summer fruit salad with enough texture to be oaked even, nicely balanced and very alluring. Showing no fatigue at age four.

2015 89 2016-2025

2016: delicate stone fruits and feint exotic hint, clean and precise, rather gentle and unassuming, but very nice.

2016 87 2016-2026

2017: looks wooded, smells wooded, tastes developed: an unusual but most satisfying wine, with 'natural wine' skin contact adding depth and richness.

2017 87 2017-2026

2018: as '17, with deep tones, big dried yellow fruits, tangy

2018 88 2018-2027

quince and mango, tactile and textured.

2019: unlike previously, with perfumed violet love-heart candy notes, talcum powder and ripe confectionary.	2019	86	2019-2027
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Chardonnay RR

2015: still fresh and lively at age four, with pristine yellow fruit, careful wood use, vanilla and cream hint and some complexity. A refined and charming wine of quality.	2015	90	2016-2025
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2016: at age four showing overt creamy buttery comfort, soft and full with some power and effect, revealing orange peel notes delightfully.	2016	87	2017-2025
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2017: pale straw with overt nose hinting of wood, pears and walnuts, nicely weighted and effective.	2017	87	2017-2026
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2018: appears and smells matured, but at age one, a skin and lees contact style? With sinewy vanilla oak, lush dried fruit flavours and hearty feel. Quite impressive.	2018	88	2018-2026
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Petit Verdot RR

2017: ruby mauve sheen, dusty ripe fruited nose, intense core of mulberry, vanilla and currants, firm and full.	2017	90	2018-2028
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Merlot RR

2015: glossy garnet hue, starts with juicy vitality, red berry impact, then with wood and dark weighty grip, most enjoyable.	2015	88	2016-2026
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2016: garnet depth, very shy nose then dark cherry and earth notes, bold and with some grip, finishing a touch lighter.	2016	86	2017-2026
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2017: glossy garnet with crisp, if somewhat brief, red fruit melange, easy and friendly and satisfying.	2017	86	2018-2027
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Malbec

RR

2014: opaque with dusty blue notes, a touch rustic and unashamedly bold.	2014	80	2014-2022
2015: dull purple hue, full bodied and intense, with blueberries and oak, textured and quite rich.	2015	89	2016-2027
2016: mid depth and weight, with ripe sweet fruited generosity, juicy and supple, with mixed dark berry enjoyment.	2016	88	2017-2027

Cabernet Sauvignon

RR

2016: shy nose, dark ruby, forest and blackcurrant notes with oak hint, just medium weight and in a lighter, fruitier, supple style.	2016	88	2016-2027
2017: more than a nod to classic Old World styling, Cigar-box, undergrowth and graphite then a dark fruit core, serious and classy and built to age.	2017	92	2019-2030

Shiraz

RR

2016: pale ruby hue, not overly spicy or peppery, more easy-going, smoother and with dry, dusty plums, forward and quite juicy.	2016	87	2016-2027
2017: very deeply hued and dark fruited, with blackberry jam nose, blackcurrant liqueur with spice palate, big and soft and ripe.	2017	88	2019-2028

Mont Marie Manna

RR

2016: Rhone blend is very dark with forest and red berry fruits, earth hint, spice note and in a lighter, tangy style.	2016	90	2017-2028
2017: brightly blue fruited, fresh and clean with punchy long layers of interest, quite poised and compelling.	2017	90	2018-2029

Mont Marie Director's Reserve

RR

2016: shy but fresh nose, very New World bold fruited, blackcurrants and blue fruit intensity, lush, balanced and accessible in youth, very nice.	2016 91 2017-2028
2017: lighter styled and elegant but with serious intent, leafy red currant and earth generosity, great value.	2017 90 2018-2029