

## Kleine Zalze Wines

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Vintage Score best drinking

### Vintage Brut MCC

RRR

**2011:** faintly tinted with a brief mousse and lemon and sherbet nose, dryish and light, quite pleasant.

**2011 84 2011-2020**

**2013:** lemony bright yellow fruit nose, rather blunt and brief soft mouthfeel but finishes somewhat crisper.

**2013 86 2013-2023**

### MCC Brut Rosé

RR

**NV:** pale straw hue, no lees mealy notes, delicate almost citrus nose, fine mousse and zesty feel.

**NV 86 1-6 years**

### Cellar Selection Sauvignon Blanc

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**2011:** watery hue, quiet nose of tangy citrus. Lighter style with firm acidity.

**2010 80 2010-2013**

**2011 80 2011-2014**

**2012:** refreshing, clean fruited and medium weight. Does exactly what it should.

**2012 82 2012-2017**

**2013:** lime and lemon zest with a fullish mid palate and crunchy ending. Quite satisfying.

**2013 83 2012-2018**

**2014:** fresh and juicy if less decisive

**2014 82 2014-2019**

as a sauvignon, and lacking some depth.			
<b>2015:</b> pungent green apple, squashed limes and gooseberry then grapefruit palate. Delicious.	<b>2015</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2015-2022</b>
<b>2016:</b> touch softer and gentler, but still with clean fruit and terrific value.	<b>2016</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2016-2023</b>
<b>2017:</b> nicely green fruited, crisp and refreshing, simple and pleasant.	<b>2017</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2017-2024</b>
<b>2018:</b> full and quite rich, with gentle lush fruit impact and enough acidity to keep it bright and satisfying.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2025</b>
<b>2019:</b> steely green fruits, lime, grapefruit and bright citrus notes, with round mouthfeel and balanced acidity, clean and as reliable as ever.	<b>2019</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2019-2026</b>
<b>2020:</b> classic warm climate tropical hint over steely lemon sherbet dry tones, balanced and mellow as ever.	<b>2020</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2020-2027</b>
<b>2021:</b> hardly complex, layered or long, but simply packed with crunchy green fruit, wet pebble minerality and a fresh dry finish.	<b>2021</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2021-2028</b>
<b>2022:</b> still nicely greener fruited than tropical, precise, good value, clean and satisfactory.	<b>2022</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2022-2028</b>

## Vineyard Selection Sauvignon Blanc

RR

<b>2017:</b> just medium weight and quite pale, with fresh citrus notes, clean if rather fleeting.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2024</b>
<b>2018:</b> overt and forward, with bright citrus, green fruits and guava, clean, well balanced and enjoyable	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2019:</b> very pale, with feint citrus and gooseberry fruits, nicely viscous but staying fresh and light feeling, quite focussed.	<b>2019</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2019-2027</b>
<b>2021:</b> fruity and yet not heavy, with steely and crisp citrus green fruit notes, still tight but promising a rounder finish.	<b>2021</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2021-2027</b>

## Family Reserve Sauvignon Blanc

RRR

	2008	89	2008-2013
<b>2010:</b> pale lime with grassy aromas. Nettles and crisp acidity on enticing green fruit.	2010	89	2010-2018
<b>2016:</b> intense stone fruit, with minerality and herbal edge, rich and enticing.	2016	90	2016-2026
<b>2017:</b> overt, rich nose bursting with ripe fruit energy, grows in the mouth and remains fine and expressive.	2017	91	2017-2027
<b>2019:</b> smoky nose with lees weight, then mineral taut entry, more round oats richness comes through and finishing with style.	2019	90	2019-2028

## Cellar Selection Chenin Blanc BV

R

	2006	90	2006-2018
	2008	87	2008-2013
	2009	90	2009-2019
	2010	88	2010-2018
	2011	88	2011-2018
<b>2012:</b> remarkable value, rich, chunky and full of character. Honey, bitter apple, marzipan. Delicious.	2012	90	2012-2019
<b>2013:</b> lighter version, needs time to show real textured apple and lime fruit. Clean and zippy.	2013	87	2013-2020
<b>2014:</b> fresh and clean but needs time to show depth and texture, always good value.	2014	86	2014-2021
<b>2015:</b> Sauvignon blanc without the acidity; green vibrant citrus and apple fruited. Very deceptive.	2015	82	2015-2024
<b>2016:</b> once again, more Sauvignon than Chenin, tart green apple and just slightly less acidity. Identity crisis.	2016	78	2016-2024
<b>2017:</b> sparkling representation of a good vintage; vibrant, chewy, layered and will improve. Terrific.	2017	87	2018-2028
<b>2018:</b> quite rich and viscous, with clean fruit profile, a comforting mouthfeel and yellow stone fruit	2018	86	2018-2027

nuances.

<b>2019:</b> reliable as ever, green unripe apple kick, fullish and fruity, with a blunt citrus finish. Needs time.	<b>2019</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>
<b>2020:</b> delicious crisp crunchy green apple with good weight and round fruit mid palate, generous and enticing, always great value.	<b>2020</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2020-2029</b>
<b>2022:</b> tangy but not overdone, mixed yellow fruits, pleasant, but doesn't stand out.	<b>2022</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2022-2028</b>

## Vineyard Selection Chenin Blanc

RR

	<b>2008</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2008-2018</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2010-2018</b>
<b>2011:</b> very pale, fruity nose, creamy and soft – it could be chardonnay. Tropical fruit finish.	<b>2011</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>
<b>2015:</b> stylish and supple, with bright fruit just lacking some inspiration.	<b>2015</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2015-2025</b>
<b>2017:</b> pale straw hue, soft and creamy, picked ripe with mellow acidity, easy and accessible.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> supportive oak gives feint creaminess behind explosive fruit purity. Fresh pineapple, green apple and some florality abound, a clean, seamless and striking wine. Undeniably good.	<b>2018</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>
<b>2019:</b> beautifully precise and showing bright fruit of orange and jasmine and barely ripe quince, seamless and balanced, layered and distinguished.	<b>2019</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2020-2030</b>
<b>2020:</b> rich and creamy nose, lots of juicy stone fruit, complex and lingering and terrific value, this is very good.	<b>2020</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2021-2029</b>
<b>2021:</b> another beautifully rich, tangy and classy version, old gold shine, cream cheese and tangerine bite, pear skin texture, dried apricot.	<b>2021</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2021-2030</b>

## Family Reserve OV Chenin Blanc

RRR

<b>2016:</b> creamy, rich nose, almost too much, but tighter on the palate and hinting at fruit to come.	<b>2016</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2017:</b> needs time to really show, but hinting at clean tropical and citrus fruit depths, long textured mouthfeel, clean quality fruit. Will improve score.	<b>2017</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>
<b>2018:</b> pale depth but bold and crisp lemon citrus and green apple precision, opening to a richer finish. Will improve with age.	<b>2018</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>
<b>2020:</b> just mid weight, with precise, if shy in youth, stone yellow fruits, tighter but balanced and just needing time.	<b>2020</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2022-2029</b>

## Cellar Selection Chardonnay R

	<b>2011</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>
<b>2012:</b> pale lime, 'green' nose with underlying citrus, fresh, zippy palate with more tart than tropical notes.	<b>2012</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2012-2018</b>
<b>2013:</b> full, juicy and nicely weighted, with tropical nose and hints of citrus on palate.	<b>2013</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>
<b>2014:</b> succulent fruit, mango, peach and orange peel, with vital acid lift, very appealing.	<b>2014</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2014-2021</b>
<b>2015:</b> familiar bright acidity, hint of creamy fruit behind, consistently appealing.	<b>2015</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2015-2023</b>
<b>2016:</b> fruity and brisk, without much weight and quite short, but still good value.	<b>2016</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2016-2022</b>
<b>2017:</b> very clean, with fresh fruit purity, mid weight and some expression. Good value.	<b>2017</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2017-2025</b>
<b>2018:</b> fresh, but not too crisp, with muted yellow fruits, not overly tropical, and nicely balanced.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2019:</b> fruity and forward with fresh fruit cocktail, finishing taut and somewhat metallic which affects the balance.	<b>2019</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2019-2025</b>
<b>2020:</b> deliciously rich and full of lush tropical fruits, peach, white pear and finishing with a mineral hint,	<b>2020</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>

seriously good value.

<b>2021:</b> tightly wound and greener than the '20, with brisk crunch and just a hint of warmer fruit finish.	<b>2021</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2021-2028</b>
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## Vineyard Selection Chardonnay RR

	<b>2008</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2008-2018</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2010-2016</b>
<b>2011:</b> yellow white, heaps of passion fruit and pineapple aromas flood the palate, not too heavy but fresh and enjoyable.	<b>2011</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2012-2018</b>
<b>2017:</b> lots of peaches and cream and lees richness, lime and fresh notes, balanced despite its fullness, and retaining focus.	<b>2017</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2017-2028</b>
<b>2018:</b> pale despite wood ferment, creamy and butter hint but full and fleshy yellow fruit enjoyment	<b>2018</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
<b>2020:</b> pale hue despite leesy oats weight, lots of floral notes, peach and jasmine, staying nicely edgy.	<b>2020</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>

## Cellar Selection Gamay Noir Rosé R

<b>2011:</b> deep pink hue, rose petals and raspberries. Lots of fruit; strawberries and quite mouthfilling.	<b>2011</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2011-2018</b>
<b>2014:</b> vibrant hued with upfront red berry and quite grippy, in fact somewhat brisk at the finish.	<b>2014</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2014-2019</b>
<b>2015:</b> summer pudding nose, bone dry rose petals and spring blossom.	<b>2015</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2015-2022</b>

## Cellar Selection Cinsault Rosé R

<b>2018:</b> very pale with light strawberry softness, easy going with dry mixed fruit finish.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2024</b>
<b>2019:</b> copper-pink tinged with bright dried raspberry	<b>2019</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2019-2026</b>

nose and crunchy summer pudding palate, nicely dry and great value.

<b>2020:</b> pale pink hue, strawberry fruit nose, lip-smacking tightness over subtle ripe berry fruit. Dry finish.	<b>2020</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2020-2026</b>
<b>2021:</b> starts full and fleshy with a ripe hint and ends crisp and dry and palate satisfying.	<b>2021</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2021-2026</b>
<b>2022:</b> delicate features but fully ripe, with raspberry and strawberry confection, staying dry.	<b>2022</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2022-2027</b>

## Cellar Selection Cinsault R

<b>2016:</b> mid depth, glossy with lean strawberry nose and fleshy fruit. Pleasant and undemanding.	<b>2016</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2016-2025</b>
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## Cellar Selection Gamay R

<b>2010:</b> light ruby, red fruit nose, tangy, with spice notes. Tannic kick and dry finish.	<b>2010</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2010-2016</b>
<b>2013:</b> dark red berry and cherry nose, quite a punch, juicy and soft if rather brutish for Gamay.	<b>2013</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>

## Vineyard Selection Grenache RR

<b>2016:</b> purple mauve hue, earthy nose – quite foresty – but showing clean fresh fruit palate, crisp and edgy.	<b>2016</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2017:</b> glossy yet pale garnet, fresh and lightly fruity, good structure with nimble if brief cherry notes.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2020:</b> very attractive, with ripe berry notes and full mouthfeel yet staying elegant and fine.	<b>2020</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>

## Vineyard Selection Pinot Noir RR

<b>2010:</b> light depth, nice sweet fruit nose, mid weight with a touch of leanness and dry finish. Lacks fruit concentration.	<b>2010</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2010-2015</b>
<b>2015:</b> deeper, more brutish than previously, but backed by clean, rich spicy fruit.	<b>2015</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2015-2025</b>
<b>2016:</b> glossy light hue, with nicely balanced red fruit and some grippy feel.	<b>2016</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>

## Cellar Selection Merlot

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<b>2010:</b> ruby red, hints of forest fruit and leather, mouthfilling and juicy, good acid bite, simple fruit depth.	<b>2010</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2010-2018</b>
<b>2012:</b> classic Merlot red berry fruit with savoury edge and mellow tannins.	<b>2012</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2012-2020</b>
<b>2013:</b> dark and spicy, with the mercaptans of a Pinotage, somewhat overblown.	<b>2013</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2013-2022</b>
<b>2014:</b> clean and easy-going, uncomplicated and pleasant dark fruit.	<b>2014</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2014-2022</b>
<b>2015:</b> more depth and richness than previously, nicely fruited and moreish.	<b>2015</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2015-2025</b>
<b>2016:</b> touch reductive, with jammy almost burnt notes, but with enough fruit to still enjoy.	<b>2016</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>2016-2022</b>
<b>2017:</b> red berry and a dark fruit edge, just mid garnet, clean and straightforward, if finishing rather tough.	<b>2017</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
<b>2018:</b> very fruity and forward, with typical red berry and cherry ease, pleasant if brief.	<b>2018</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2019:</b> mixed forest berries, forward but nicely balanced and trademark smooth and lovable.	<b>2019</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2019-2027</b>
<b>2020:</b> packed with bright fruit impact, all dusky cherry and tar, full and decidedly more intense.	<b>2020</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2021-2028</b>

## Cellar Selection Pinotage

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<b>2010:</b> mid depth, blue fruit nose, soft burnt	<b>2010</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>
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forest fruit with a hint of acetone. Smooth spicy finish.			
<b>2011:</b> juicy squashed plum with banana hints in a supple and deliciously rich style.	<b>2011</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2011-2020</b>
<b>2012:</b> straightforward, juicy fruit with hints of grippy savoury flavours.	<b>2012</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2012-2020</b>
<b>2013:</b> distinctly Pinotage acetone and tar, with easy dark fruit and smooth effect.	<b>2013</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2013-2021</b>
<b>2014:</b> pungent gamey nose, bold fruit and layers of coffee bean roasting, could be Merlot.	<b>2014</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2014-2024</b>
<b>2017:</b> mixed dark berry medley, smooth and easy, clean and straightforward.	<b>2017</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2018:</b> smoky sweet vanilla and intense black liquorice notes, ripe and fleshy and good value.	<b>2018</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2019-2027</b>
<b>2019:</b> rich, silky smooth and quite lustrous, with a perfumed nose and thick tar notes, an easy drinker but enjoyable.	<b>2019</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>
<b>2020:</b> deeply blue fruited with notable varietal bitumen and liquorice, full frontal and viscous.	<b>2020</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2021-2028</b>

## Cellar Selection Cabernet Sauvignon/ Merlot

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<b>2009:</b> deeply coloured, sweet fruit nose, dry tannins but subtle sweet fruit base. Definitely not a quaffer.	<b>2009</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2009-2018</b>
<b>2010:</b> straight forward and full of fruit. Quite dense in texture and with spicy blue fruits.	<b>2010</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2010-2018</b>
<b>2017:</b> very juicy, easy-going with brash soft blue fruits, simple and enjoyable.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2018:</b> muscular and briary, with a char-grilled hint saved by oozing dark fruit finish, reliably competent.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2019-2027</b>
<b>2019:</b> inky deep and full bodied, lots of sweet black fruit with some power, yet nicely accessible and friendly.	<b>2019</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>

**Cellar Selection Cabernet Sauvignon**

R

<b>2010:</b> pale ruby, shy nose, soft and juicy fruit with hints of pencil shavings, tannins a touch puckering, dry finish.	<b>2010</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2010-2018</b>
<b>2011:</b> pleasant, fruity and supple, if a touch one dimensional and lacking definition.	<b>2011</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2011-2018</b>
<b>2012:</b> mid weight, dark and grippy but lacking distinguishing features.	<b>2012</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2012-2019</b>
<b>2013:</b> soft, juicy and very easy entry, with dark spicy fruit and a pleasing dry grip on the finish.	<b>2013</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>
<b>2014:</b> supple and easy-going dark lozenge fruit. Agreeable and undemanding.	<b>2014</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2014-2023</b>
<b>2015:</b> briar and a creamy oak finish, with dark fruit but little definition.	<b>2015</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2015-2024</b>
<b>2016:</b> full and easy going, with supple tannins and friendly dark fruit.	<b>2016</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2016-2025</b>
<b>2017:</b> supple and juicy, bursting with fruit and nicely balanced. A wine best enjoyed young.	<b>2017</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2017-2025</b>
<b>2018:</b> impossible to dislike, plump and pliant with ever reliable dark fruit ripeness, full and satisfying.	<b>2018</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2019-2027</b>
<b>2019:</b> more intense than the '18, with burnt wood and dark chocolate then liqueur blackcurrant, needing decanting.	<b>2019</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2021-2028</b>
<b>2020:</b> strange cooked nose and blowsy, meat and herb palate, not very pleasant. A step backward.	<b>2020</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2020-2027</b>

**Vineyard Selection Cabernet Sauvignon**

RR

	<b>2006</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2008-2018</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2009-2019</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2009-2016</b>
<b>2010:</b> very deep, expressive nose, rich dark fruit with overt tannins which need 2/3 years	<b>2010</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2011-2019</b>

to settle. Long finish, will improve.

<b>2016:</b> medium bodied with dark mulberry and blackcurrant fruit depths, remaining silky and expressive.	<b>2016</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2017-2028</b>
<b>2017:</b> very deeply coloured, with wood and cassis layers, rich and very dry, full and textured and nicely unpolished.	<b>2017</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>
<b>2018:</b> intense and muscular, with dark currant fruits, soft but dry furry tannins, hearty and quite powerful, built to last.	<b>2018</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2020-2030</b>
<b>2019:</b> very deeply hued with a shy nose, dry furry tannins in youth and vibrant dark fruits, straightforward and enjoyable.	<b>2019</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2021-2029</b>

## Family Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon RRRR

<b>2005:</b> overt and perfumed and at age 13 with forest floor notes, fynbos and chocolate, balanced still and long.	<b>2005</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2008-2022</b>
<b>2007:</b> Pauillac like sophistication and power. Beautiful seamless fruit and ripe tannins, sheer class. Not overblown and will reveal more in time.	<b>2007</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2011-2022</b>
<b>2013:</b> Big, sweet fruited, fleshy and approachable, with class enough to improve. Lovely.	<b>2013</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2015-2028</b>
<b>2015:</b> beautifully opulent and forthright, with mulberry softness and balanced alcohol (15%) and wood tannins, long, layered and very fine.	<b>2015</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2017-2030</b>
<b>2016:</b> pale and smoky with a fresh palate and perfumed stylish body, elegant, not overworked and very classy.	<b>2016</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>
<b>2017:</b> pre-release has delicious lozenge black cassis fruits, ripe and full and forward, quite lovely and will improve score yet.	<b>2017</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2020-2032</b>
<b>2019:</b> deep garnet barrel sample has smooth silky fruit intensity, rich mulberry and dark currant themes, delicious and still evolving.	<b>2019</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2021-2032</b>

## Shiraz / Mourvèdre / Viognier RR

	2009	85	2009-2018
<b>2010:</b> very deep, dark fruit nose of violets and perfume. Blue fruit palate which fills the mouth with rich, lovely fruit. Good balance and will keep.	2010	90	2011-2020
<b>2015:</b> sweet fruited, herbs and savoury bite, rustic and comforting.	2015	89	2016-2027
<b>2016:</b> pale depth and very dry, with rustic, burly dark fruit and tannic hold.	2016	86	2016-2026
<b>2017:</b> deeply hued with a spice and briar fruited profile, rustic and hearty and full of dark fruited satisfaction.	2017	88	2017-2027
<b>2018:</b> mid ruby gloss, ripe forward mulberry nose and not overly spicy or wooded generous fruit managing to stay nimble.	2018	89	2019-2028

## Vineyard Selection Shiraz

RR

	2006	91	2008-2018
	2007	91	2009-2019
<b>2009:</b> deep hue, spicy blackberry nose, soft, oaky palate –a touch dominant but with ripe fruit behind it.	2009	89	2010-2019
<b>2015:</b> dark berried, big, dry and full bodied, with good persistence.	2015	90	2017-2027
<b>2016:</b> mixed dark fruit nose, just mid weight, not peppery but perfumed and elegant and accessible young.	2016	89	2016-2027
<b>2017:</b> very deep glossy shine, serious dark fruits, sinewy oak tannins, tactile plum and mulberry finishing dry, will age well.	2017	91	2019-2029
<b>2018:</b> soft, plummy fruity nose, tactile and dry at first opening to a silky currant fruit core, nicely generous.	2018	91	2019-2028

## Family Reserve Shiraz

RRRR

	2007	95	2010-2020
<b>2009:</b> alluring nose then lush dense fruit all velvety softness but with deceptive power. Stunning.	2009	94	2011-2022
<b>2015:</b> dark as night, overtly scented with big alcohol weight, opulent fruit and oak tannins. Black fruited and dry with layers of lush comfort.	2015	93	2018-2030
<b>2016:</b> surprisingly taut and chunky for the vintage, loaded with wood notes, dark forest fruits, lush currants and gentle spice, needs time still at age four.	2016	92	2019-2031
<b>2017:</b> nearly opaque with violet floral aromas, some oak muscle then rich, layered smoky black fruits, assertive yet classy, long and impressive.	2017	94	2019-2030

