

Koelenhof Wine Cellar

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WO: Stellenbosch



Industrial looking large producer, with spacious facilities, providing honest and great value wines in a chic new tasting room with friendly staff.

Vintage Score best drinking

Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc Vin Sec R

2011: nicely frothy fizz, quite fine and fresh, off dry and light style for quaffing.	2011 85 2011-2017
2017: sweet entry and just off-dry throughout, pleasant fruit profile, nice froth, just great value and very enjoyable.	2017 86 2017-2026
2018: watery hue, fruity off-dry nose, gently frothy, easy-going friendly mouthfeel, summer treat.	2018 84 2018-2026

Sparkling Pinotage Rosé Vin Sec R

2011: pale red with rose petal and strawberry whiffs then surprising bite and weight. Good value	2011 86 2011-2018
2018: pale lemon then bright and full berry fruited, comforting, not too sweet, rather fleeting.	2018 84 2018-2026

Koelenbosch Pinotage MCC RR

2018: very dry with yeasty lees nose, tight yellow fruit, delicate and pleasant if brief.	2018	85	2018-2026
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Koelenhof Chardonnay MCC RR

2018: glossy lemon hue, bready nose, fuller mouthfeel but staying precise, fine and dry.	2018	86	2018-2026
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Koelenbosch Sauvignon Blanc R

	2009	80	2009-2015
2011: very pale, bright fruit but rather light, simple citrus fruit.	2011	78	2011-2015
2013: watery hue, lighter style with big fruit flavours and bone dry. Doesn't linger much.	2013	80	2013-2017
2017: again pale, with light guava and lemon notes, good weight but finishing fast.	2017	82	2017-2023
2018: watery hue, green fruit nose, lots of apple and stone fruit, very dry and crisp if brief.	2018	85	2018-2026
2019: watery depth, overt green fruited nose, nicely oily and weighted with perfumed talcum powder, lime and pink grapefruit notes.	2019	87	2019-2027
2020: translucent and with a gentle fruit nose, lots of friendly citrus and green fruit notes finishing with ripe tropical hints.	2020	86	2020-2028

Koelenhoffer Off-Dry Sauvignon Blanc R

2011: nettles and citrus in a tight style, lacking some warmth and finishing crisply dryish.	2011	82	2011-2015
2019: very pale, gently sweet, lots of kiwi and grapefruit, light and nimble, easing on the finish.	2019	86	2019-2026
2020: little colour with a non-sweet nose, just off-dry and with soft, generous tropical fruit,	2020	85	2020-2027

fun and enjoyable.

Koelenbosch Chenin Blanc

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2009: light gold, oaky nose then a woody, creamy palate and medium weight.	2009	83	2009-2016
2010: gold hue, rich nose and chewy, savoury green fruit with personality.	2010	85	2010-2018
2017: nice weight and warmth, yellow stone fruit but lacking structure and for early consumption.	2017	81	2017-2023
2018: lighter style but packed with green apple aromas and citrus fruit flavours, finishing warm and with a cream hint.	2018	85	2018-2026
2019: translucent gloss, crunchy dry apple bite, fresh and vibrant and feels nice if abrupt.	2019	86	2019-2027
2020: barely tinted with a ripe acid-drop sweet nose, bright crisp apple textured palate, fresh and satisfying.	2020	86	2020-2028
2021: ripe tropical fruit base with pineapple and lime, brief white pear then finishes light but friendly.	2021	87	2021-2028

Bush Vine Chenin Blanc

RR

2017: full and expressive, big alcohol and big apple and pear flavours, yet finishing with delicacy, persistence and lots of class. Very good indeed.	2017	91	2018-2028
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1679 Bush Vine Chenin Blanc

RR

2017: surprisingly soft and generous, lots of orange, mandarin and herb notes, mid weight and finishing pleasantly.	2017	90	2019-2028
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Koelnektar Gewurztraminer

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2011: spicy lychee of Gewurz, gently perfumed and off dry, soft, easy and short lived.	2011	83	2011-2017
2019: pale salmon hue, perfumed Turkish delight, lychee and talcum powder aromas, bold and pleasantly off-dry.	2019	86	2019-2026
2020: ripe, seems sweet nose, very full and seductive, with good weight, rich effusive fruit flavours, classic and just right.	2020	88	2020-2028
2021: doesn't hide its delicious sweetness, or its viscous warmth, or its lychee perfume, a great value dessert wine.	2021	87	2021-2028

Pinotage Rosé

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2011: light scarlet luminescence, very dry, simple fruit palate, little complexity.	2011	82	2011-2017
2017: pale cherry red hue, ripe nose and strawberry jam palate with Turkish delight, nicely dry.	2017	83	2017-2024
2018: lurid cherry red hue, sweet, perfumed nose, thankfully dry palate with strawberry Turkish delight confectionary.	2018	83	2018-2026
2019: pale salmon with nicely crisp nose then a dry and fruity red berry palate, easy and satisfying.	2019	85	2019-2025
2020: forward red berry, melon, rose petal and strawberry nose, very fruity and ripe with juicy mouthfeel.	2020	85	2020-2026
2022: lurid red like the '18, with more fruit and weight than expected, pleasant if not refined.	2022	83	2022-2026

Koelenberg Red

R

2009: dark berry nose, mid depth and weight, dry, simple and one dimensional but pleasant.	2009	78	2009-2016
2011: deeply hued, smoky spice notes and plummy, light fruit. Quite bold.	2011	80	2011-2018
2016: juicy and lozenge-like, with dark fruited easy-drinking suppleness. Rather brief.	2016	82	2016-2024

2017: sappy and savoury, with more restraint and hedgerow red winter fruits than '16, firmer and structured, and more serious.

2017 87 2019-2029

2018: inky mauve shine, dusty tannins, dry dark fruit with wood notes, grippy and intense.

2018 89 2019-2029

2020: easy going black fruited and full bodied, with a spice and berry bite, rather anonymous.

2020 87 2020-2028

Sangiovese

R

2008 88 2008-2013

2010: shallow depth and shy raspberry nose. Savoury, chewy and dry, short and different.

2010 82 2010-2017

2012: plum and tar notes with perfumed fruit and a grippy tannic dry finish.

2012 82 2012-2018

2014: delightfully glossy, clean and cherry fruited, ripe and layered, very good indeed.

2014 86 2015-2024

2015: ruby red, bright cherry notes, dry and grippy with a textured finish.

2015 84 2015-2025

2017: vibrant juicy nose, restrained elegant palate, round and smoky, with hedgerow fruit, layers of hearty compelling attractiveness.

2017 90 2019-2027

2019: not the sinewy Chianti type, but ripe and lush strawberry and cranberry silkiness, comforting, opulent and alluring. Wonderful value.

2019 91 2020-2028

Koelenbosch Merlot

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2007 88 2007-2014

2009: mid red, oaky nose then puckering tannins and moist red berry. Light style with tangy flavours.

2009 84 2009-2017

2015: quite deep with red berry nose, wood notes and sweet red fruit palate.

2015 82 2015-2025

2016: deep and glossy and feels serious, with bright red berry impact, cherry, vanilla and mint hint, fresh and expressive.

2016 86 2017-2026

2017: garnet blue hue, demure nose, spicy and juicy forward fruit with smoky bite and dark fruit depths.	2017	86	2017-2026
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Koelenhof Pinotage R

2018: vibrant purple with prominent tactile juicy flavours, some savoury wood, pleasant and great light drinking.	2018	85	2018-2026
2019: very fruity and with subtle tannin texture underneath, lots of plum and mulberry smoothness, vibrant and terrific value.	2019	89	2019-2028
2020: generous and juicy, a touch blunt but lots of soft blackberry fruit.	2020	85	2020-2028
2021: deeply summer fruited, finishing with classic blueberry note, fleshy and solid and good value.	2021	87	2021-2029

Koelenbosch Pinotage R

2009: mid depth, bright fruity nose then round and smooth flavours and enjoyable finish.	2009	85	2009-2017
2012: pungent nose and lightish fruit palate with notes of acetyl and liquorice.	2012	83	2012-2019
2015: dark fruit nose, mid weight and with a spicy red and rustic mouthfeel.	2015	84	2015-2025
2017: ruby blue, dry but with ripe and sweet fruit, not spicy or acetic, clean, easy-going and satisfying.	2017	86	2017-2027
2018: bold and forward, intensely juicy, with lots of perfumed red and blue fruits, not overly tannic and with faint pepper and cherry notes, great fun.	2018	88	2018-2029

Koelenbosch Shiraz R

2009: good depth, light nose then black fruits and grippy tannins. Dry, dusty and peppery finish. Has character.	2009	86	2009-2017
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2010: shy nose then big mulberry sweetish fruit. Not so spicy styled and shortish finish.	2010	86	2010-2018
2016: overt sweet liqueur cherry nose, bramble fruit, very dry and nicely full.	2016	86	2017-2027
2017: deep ruby and hugely perfumed, violets and plums and floral lift, mint and cherry, juicy and accessible, great value.	2017	90	2017-2028
2018: deep earth and rustic pong on the nose, then dusty dry tannins, soft mulberry fruit, round and comforting and satisfying.	2018	87	2019-2029
2019: less edgy than the '18, but just as full, lush, generous and enjoyable, quality oak, mulberries, plums, very nice.	2019	90	2021-2029

Nineteenfortyone RR

2008: deep purple, sweet nose, vanilla and chewy blackberry spice, bold and a real bargain.	2008	91	2009-2018
2010: purple hue and fruity dark nose then lighter styled soft tones with dry tannins.	2010	87	2010-2018
2015: inky ruby depth, shy but heavy nose, nice acid brightness, silky and tangy.	2015	86	2016-2027
2016: sweet fruited, supple and balanced, forest notes with earth and herbs and currants in a classic style.	2016	88	2017-2028
2017: inky gloss, dark fruit nose then spicy fleshy flavours, leafy hint but finishing firm and intense.	2017	90	2019-2029
2018: again, very deep with tactile rich fruit layers, cassis and cedar, very dry yet clean and precise and the best yet.	2018	91	2019-2029

1679 The Legacy RRRR

2017: inky depth with weighty serious nose then lush and layered fruit core, blackcurrant, mulberry with	2017	94	2019-2030
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graphite and cedar wood note, elegant, smooth and compelling. Score will improve with age.

Noble Late Harvest 375ml RR

2007: shiny gold and overt developed nose of wet straw and overripe fruit. Soft, delicate and fine. Lovely balance.	2007 90 2008-2018
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Pinorto (was Pino Porto Cape Ruby) R

2010: rich but shy nose then huge dusty black fruits, plums and damsons and spice. Too easy to drink.	2010 91 2010-2020
2011: medium weight and attack, lower alcohol (17%) style, silky and plummy.	2011 86 2011-2020
2014: some fading, but with fine smooth tannins, intensity and sweet cinnamon and fruit cake flavours.	2014 88 2014-2026
2015: wood hints over mid weighted plummy softness, not hot (17% alc) and richly sweet and delicious.	2015 88 2015-2027
2018: opaque and attractive with velvety rich sweet fruit, plums, mulberries and raisins, balanced, comforting and very seductive.	2018 93 2018-2030