

Koelenhof Wine Cellar

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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**

Koelenhof Chardonnay MCC RR

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

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

R

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**

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**

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**

Koelnektar Gewurztraminer

R

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**

Pinotage Rosé

R

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**

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**

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 finished.	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

R

	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

Koelenhof Pinotage

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2018: vibrant purple with prominent tactile juicy flavours, some savoury wood, pleasant and great light drinking.	2018	85	2018-2026
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2019: very fruity and with subtle tannin texture underneath, lots of plum and mulberry smoothness, vibrant and terrific value.

2019 89 2019-2028

Koelenbosch Pinotage

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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 feint pepper and cherry notes, great fun.

2018 88 2018-2029

Koelenbosch Shiraz

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2009: good depth, light nose then black fruits and grippy tannins. Dry, dusty and peppery finish. Has character.

2009 86 2009-2017

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 88 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

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

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

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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	2011	86	2011-2020

alcohol (17%) style, silky and plummy.

2014: some fading, but with fine smooth tannins, intensity and sweet cinnamon and fruit cake flavours.	2014 88	2014-2026
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2015: wood hints over mid weighted plummy softness, not hot (17% alc) and richly sweet and delicious.	2015 88	2015-2027
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2018: opaque and attractive with velvety rich sweet fruit, plums, mulberries and raisins, balanced, comforting and very seductive.	2018 93	2018-2030
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