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WO; Stellenbosch / Western Cape



After doing 3 ID checks on entry, enjoy the home of the R250 Rosé and the excellent Single Block wines. Tasting facilities are convivial and staff are attentive.

Vintage Score best drinking

MCC Brut

RRR

2016: deep gold hue, very soft and gentle mouthfeel, warm and generous with more fruit than yeast notes.

2016 88 2016-2026

Brut Rosé MCC

RR

2010: rich, fruity strawberry nose then a yeasty, firm palate. More serious than nose suggests

2008 86 2008-2017

2010 87 2010-2018

2016: very deep straw hue, yeasty nose then tangy and rich full mouthfeel, very appealing and enjoyable.

2016 88 2016-2025

2017: salmon pink, bold and ripe, almost not Brut, red berries and soft ease.

2017 84 2017-2024

Sauvignon Blanc

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2012: pale lime, unripe apples in a softer style with more body. Hints of tropical melon and quava more than nettles.

2008 76 2008-2011

2011 81 2011-2014

2012 84 2012-2018

2013: intense fruit concentration and vibrant zesty grip if a touch short on the finish.

2013 84 2013-2019

Provenance Chenin Blanc

RR

	2008 76 2008-2015
	2010 86 2011-2017
2011: fruity nose of pineapple and savoury herbs. Almonds and ripe fruit with a grippy acid finish.	2011 84 2011-2018
2012: light straw hue then subtle green apple nose then chewy savoury marzipan fruit.	2012 87 2012-2020
2015: touch closed, with full zest bite and nice weight, will open again.	2015 85 2015-2025
2017: pale and fruity, quite tangy and nicely balanced	2017 84 2017-2024
2018: again, palely hued with flinty dry and slightly softened palate. Wood hints have flattened fruit attack.	2018 84 2018-2024
2019: deeper straw than '18, shy nose, nicely weighted crisp orange and stone fruits, quite tangy.	2019 87 2019-2026
2020: full and savoury tactile, lots of dried yellow fruits, walnuts and lush smoky perfume. Very nice.	2020 90 2021-2028

Limited Release Chenin Blanc (was Grand Vin)

RR

2006: still big, full and quince led, delicious marmalade and tertiary notes.	2006 90 2007-2021
	2007 93 2009-2022
2011: shy at present, but soft tropical fruit notes ooze through; balanced and lingering.	2011 92 2012-2022

Single Block Chenin Blanc

RRR

2016: mid straw, rich, full bodied, with tangy	2016 90 2016-2028
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lemon and mandarin notes, opening slowly.			
2017: tangy, ripe fruit, deep and complex, silky fruit, focussed and clean.	2017	92	2017-2029
2018: deeply hued with full quince, orange and lemon flavours, lots of softish stone fruit, charming and polished and will improve.	2018	92	2019-2032

Chardonnay

RR

2010: yellow-gold, creamy nose, fruit forward style of intense tropical fruit salad.	2010	87	2010-2018
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Rosé de Pinotage

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2013: delicious bite and surprising depth to this Pinotage based refreshing, dry and enjoyable rosé	2013	82	2013-2017
2014: dryish and riper sweet hint in this years, with less bite than previously	2014	80	2014-2020
2016: fullish and with strawberry cherry hint, balancing acidity and quite personable.	2016	80	2016-2023
2017: oily and full, with apparent sweet entry and dry finish. Muscular and unpretentious.	2017	80	2017-2024
2018: floral and perfumed red berry, faintly coral tone, full and quite unctuous, smells ripe but usual dry grippy finish.	2018	83	2018-2025
2019: bone dry with quite a dried strawberry and cherry bite, hints of rosewater and a full mouthfeel at 13.5% alcohol but not overblown. A quality wine.	2019	86	2019-2026
2020: feels full with 13.5% alcohol, yet keeps the delicate berry fruit aromas and crunchy dry palate, a very good example.	2020	87	2020-2027
2021: pleasantly muted fruit, hints of rose water and dried raspberries, interesting and quite serious.	2021	87	2021-2028

GlenRosé

RRR

2017: expensive and serious, dry and very pale, red berry hint, still brief.	2017	84	2017-2023
2018: barely tinted and with soft and dry pink fruit nuances, yet feeling ripely sweet on the finish.	2018	85	2018-2024
2019: barely tinted with a perfumed nose and very dry red berried palate, staying fruity but tight.	2019	87	2020-2026

Provenance Merlot

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2017: soft and forward, with easy going fruit, violets and cherry, brief but pleasant.	2017	82	2017-2024
2018: rather brash and slightly disjointed, with abrupt sour cherry notes, an acid backbone, very forward.	2018	81	2018-2024
2019: deep ruby hue, jammy nose then savoury mixed berries and dusty tannins, pleasant if a touch lean.	2019	86	2020-2027

Cabernet Franc

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	2006	88	2007-2016
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Pinotage Classic unwooded

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2011: fruit salad in a juicy, quaffing style. Fresh, clean and good value.	2011	80	2011-2017
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Provenance Pinotage

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	2007	92	2009-2017
	2009	85	2009-2018
2010: subdued nose, fruity style, just medium bodied, firm sweet fruit and	2010	87	2011-2019

dry finish. Needs time.			
2011: crushed blackberries and liquorice fruit then sweet and long liquorice finish.	2011	86	2011-2020
2012: shiny purple with heaps of spicy mulberry fruit and ripe tannins. Very enjoyable.	2012	89	2013-2022
2015: mid depth and weight, lots of violets and plums, juicy and forward.	2015	85	2015-2025
2016: ruby deep, wood hint and juicy, forward dark fruits, smooth and friendly.	2016	86	2016-2026
2017: full feeling, but staying juicy red and blue fruited, some forest fruit, supple spice and muscularity.	2017	89	2019-2028
2019: mid depth and weight, with more subtle blue fruits, unobtrusive oak and smooth finish, easy drinking.	2019	88	2020-2028

Limited Release Pinotage (was Grand Vin) RRR

	2006	94	2009-2018
	2007	93	2009-2019
2008: musty forest fruit nose, opaque and brooding, mulberries, violets and cherry crumble. Dark, ripe, complex and luscious.	2008	94	2010-2022
2009: subtle nose and smooth silky fruit hide depth and power and layers of flavour still emerging.	2009	93	2011-2022
2010: hugely black fruited with grippy tannins promising something special; intense and complex.	2010	93	2012-2025
2012: musty dried herbs, classy fine and opening to richness, lovely savoury plums.	2012	90	2013-2024
2015: so smooth already, seductive, silky fruit, layered and intense, mulberry and plum. Delicious.	2015	92	2017-2029

Single Block Pinotage RRRR

2015: deep ruby, savoury plum and	2015	91	2016-2028
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damson, silky long and layered.			
2016: dark ruby, intense and muscular, ripe and firm fruited with a mint and blueberry hint. Needs time.	2016	92	2018-2029
2017: mid depth, brightly perfumed with violets and vanilla hint, soft, forward and velvety rich, layered mulberry density and silky long finish.	2017	93	2019-2032
2018: forward and serious, an intense black core with chalky tannins, cassis and some liquorice, feeling rich and luxurious.	2018	93	2020-2032
2019: lots of wood note and silky tannins, built to last yet quality throughout, very good. Lush fruit, clean and long.	2019	92	2020-2032

CWG Reserve Pinotage RRRR

2004: at age 16 this had good colour, little tertiary deviation, supple mouthfeel, fruit intensity and silky tannins.	2004	93	2006-2026
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Cabernet Sauvignon RR

	2006	90	2008-2018
	2007	87	2008-2017
	2008	86	2009-2016
2011: big, cherry fruit nose and very fruit driven yet retaining some elegance and class.	2011	90	2012-2021
2016: chunky and muscular, but pure fruit fineness and focus with deftly handled oak.	2016	85	2016-2024

Stellenbosch Classic RR

	2006	90	2008-2016
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2010: deep purple, sweet, cherry nose,
tight tannins followed by juicy fruit, slightly
lean finish.

2010 83 2010-2018

2014: deeply hued, spicy and with
hedgerow fruit and some cigar box.

2014 85 2014-2025

2015: full and rich, with toasty oak and
mixed dark berry flavours. Not shy.

2015 86 2016-2026

2016: savoury mixed fruits, cedar and forest
notes, firm and dry, will improve.

2016 85 2016-2027

2017: ruby garnet core then shy nose and tight,
very dry, briary rustic fruit and leather in a lighter
style.

2017 87 2018-2028

