

Le Bonheur Wine Estate

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WO; Stellenbosch



Vintage Score best drinking

Sauvignon Blanc (was The Weather Block)

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2011: florally fruit driven nose, green and tropical notes then weighty, rounded mouthfeel, acid a touch separate.	2011	83	2011-2015
2013: green citrus, been not too much, some warm fruit underlay and fresh, clean flavours.	2013	86	2013-2020
2018: watery hue then steely lemony fruits, fresh and clean with nicely balanced fruit weight. Quite memorable.	2018	86	2018-2025
2019: under a SO ₂ cover there is a gentle citrus and tropical, steely fruited wine, almost fumé is its muted savoury and acid balance, hearty and pleasant.	2019	87	2019-2026
2020: pleasant dry mineral bite with subtle citrus flavours, nicely rounded but staying fresh if unremarkable.	2020	87	2020-2027
2021: with label details in French (!) this is dulled steel fruited, dry and dusky with a warmer asparagus finish.	2021	86	2021-2028

Chardonnay (was The Eagles Lair)

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2010: lightly oaked with limes and peach aromas, nicely balanced and creamy length.	2010	84	2010-2017
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2018: crisp yellow fruits. Clean and with unexpected acid firmness, very pleasant.

2018 87 2018-2027

2019: piercing and precise orange rind and yellow fruits, hazelnut hint with a balanced and creamy feel, the best yet.

2019 90 2019-2028

2021: gentle cream and lime, with a bitter lemon edge at the finish, well made, enjoyable but lacking distinguishing features.

2021 88 2021-2028

Rosé

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2010: pale red with dusty tannins and gritty strawberry. Dry, touch astringent but lingering strawberry finish.

2010 83 2010-2015

Prima

RR

2007: overt lovely berry nose, with raspberries and leather, rich and savoury and sweet fruited.

2007 89 2009-2017

2016: dark, sweet fruit, soft and easy-going, clean and fun.

2016 85 2016-2024

2017: charred oak, spice and pipe tobacco on a heady and richly fruited wine, very nice and the best yet.

2017 90 2019-2028

Merlot (was The Manor Meander)

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2018: bright acid grip with bitter red cherry punch, dry and effective if lacking some subtlety.

2018 85 2018-2025

2019: much better, rich, succulent cherry, wood note and deep cranberry, sleek and alluring.

2019 90 2020-2028

The Trading Post Red Blend

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2016: forest floor and cigar box with dark bramble fruits and spice hint. Full and dusty, warming and satisfying.	2016	86	2017-2026
2017: wood notes up front and red berry rusticity, hearty and full and very dry finish. Fairly simple.	2017	87	2018-2028
2019: very fine Bordeaux blend with classic cedar and tobacco notes over deep small berry intricacy, splendid and the best yet.	2019	92	2021-2030

The Canaan Cabernet Sauvignon RR

2008: deep ruby hue and shy nose of complex cigar and vanilla. Structure and texture and style, better in time.	2008	90	2013-2019
2015: mid weight, not too forward, dark and with some grip yet finishing more supple.	2015	86	2016-2024
2017: forward and fruity, mixed berry flavours, hint of wood vanilla, cassis and gentle spice, very appealing.	2017	89	2018-2028
2018: deep ruby with a bold cassis nose, earth tones, dark tobacco and sinewy wood on a lighter bodied wine.	2018	90	2020-2029
2019: enjoyable balance of oak and deep fruit, with stylish tannins and a complex mouthfeel, very good.	2019	91	2021-2029