

## Longridge Wine Estate

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With stunning views across the Bay, amidst pretty gardens and plots for the restaurant, tastings are informative and unhurried and the wines are very good, with three being world class.

*Vintage Score best drinking*

### MCC Brut RR

**NV:** pale straw with a fine and clean nose, not overly yeasty, but fresh, yellow fruited and with vitality. Gentle but nicely tangy.

**NV 86 1-6 years**

### MCC Reserve Brut RRR

**2008:** mid straw with sparse but delicate mousse, lively and brisk with balanced green apple fruit.

**2009:** golden hue, persistent mousse and rich palate. Not overly yeasty with delicate fruit nuances.

**2014:** firm and fresh then opening to round and fleshy stone fruit, quite fine and persistent.

**2007 87 2007-2016**

**2008 87 2008-2017**

**2009 91 2009-2022**

**2014 86 2015-2020**

### MCC Brut Rosé RRR

**NV:** mid copper coloured with very fine mousse, shyish but a full mouthfeel, dry and tangy with

**NV 87 1-6 years**

soft and ripe yellow fruits.

## Blanc

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**2012:** Textured and grippy with layers of stone fruits and tropical tones. Lovely Chenin depth and Verdelho florality.

**2012 84 2012-2017**

## Sauvignon Blanc

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**2010:** green, shy nose then rich and quite fat in the mouth, long and interesting.

**2010 86 2011-2018**

## Driefontein Blanc Sauvignon Blanc

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**2012:** huge mango, peach and cream flavours with an orange zest lift. Weighty, smooth and rich. Delicious.

**2012 93 2012-2020**

**2015:** approachable immediately, balanced, seamless and with generous fruit and withheld acidity.

**2015 90 2015-2025**

**2016:** green tinged, with crunchy mixed herb and lemon peel savoury notes, lees richness gives the wine weight, classy and compelling.

**2016 90 2017-2027**

**2017:** a rich and textured version, steeped with gentle peach pit and green fern notes, mineral slate and creamy finish hint. Delicious.

**2017 93 2019-2028**

## Chenin Blanc

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**2010:** mid gold and delicate aromas then hugely textured and complex fruit with a savoury, long finish. Remarkable.

**2010 92 2011-2024**

**2014:** power and intensity with creamy mouthfilling fruit, impossible to ignore, very good.

**2014 90 2014-2026**

<b>2015:</b> creamy but nicely fresh, with layered fruit, some tropical hint and a full mouthfeel, very good.	<b>2015</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2016-2027</b>
<b>2017:</b> fresh and mixed fruited, some exotic tropical, some zippy citrus, yet subdued acidity and round mouthfeel. Very friendly.	<b>2017</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>
<b>2019:</b> clean and focussed, with rich and layered white fruit notes, jasmine floral perfume and a deft touch.	<b>2019</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>

## Ou Steen

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<b>2013:</b> complex nose hinting off-dry style, classy peach minerality and touch of lanolin. Exceptional.	<b>2013</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2014-2025</b>
<b>2015:</b> icon status already, closed still with delicate peach, pear and papaya, opening constantly, layered long and sumptuous.	<b>2015</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2016-2028</b>
<b>2016:</b> seems slightly drier than previous, but still showing real pedigree, fresh finely focussed fruit, elegance and potential. After three years showing delightful balance, harmony, sweet yet dry effect and sheer class.	<b>2016</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2017-2030</b>
<b>2017:</b> glossy straw hue, shy in youth, fresh and agile textured yellow fruits, layered, balanced with barely noticeable sweetness, individual and attractive.	<b>2017</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>

## Chardonnay

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<b>2008:</b> gold colour with big, oaky nose and creamy, sweet fruit. Rich and full.	<b>2008</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2009-2020</b>
<b>2016:</b> lovely balance of citrus and tropical richness, clean and focussed and fullish.	<b>2016</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2017:</b> clean and bright nose, quite fresh acidity then lees hint, feint cream and burst of bold white pear and peach delight.	<b>2017</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> gentle wood notes behind bright summer fruits, white flowers and in a fresh and friendly style.	<b>2018</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>

**Clos du Ciel Chardonnay**

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<b>2000:</b> mid gold, hints of toast and marmalade and dried fruit, poised, refined and finishing quite powerfully.	<b>2000</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2000-2020</b>
<b>2015:</b> mid straw, overt stone fruit nose, mealy, balanced like a Grand Cru Chablis, long and layered. Incredibly class, elegance and precision. Improved score.	<b>2015</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2016-2028</b>
<b>2016:</b> overt, creamy nose and lush fruited, but so controlled, layered and linear. An incredible wine. Settled at age three, showing style and elegance and improving score.	<b>2016</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2017-2028</b>
<b>2017:</b> ripe aromas with butter and cream then pristine nimble stone fruit persistence, rich yet balanced, fine yet profound, soft, elegant and suave.	<b>2017</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>

**The Emily**

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<b>2017:</b> palest tint but quite viscous mouthfeel, light peach and bitter hint, dry and refreshing.	<b>2017</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
<b>2018:</b> again, a pale tint and ripe fruited, soft berry notes, dry, fleshy and easy-going.	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2018-2024</b>

**Rosé**

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<b>2011:</b> almost red, lighter styled with a dry and red berried finish.	<b>2011</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>
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**Konkelberg Rosé**

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<b>2016:</b> Cabernet and Sauvignon blend offering bright strawberry notes, juicy yet dry and mid weighted.	<b>2016</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2016-2024</b>
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**Rouge**

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<b>2012:</b> deep, spicy black fruits with fresh and fruity to style for immediate drinking.	<b>2012</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2012-2020</b>
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**Jasper Raats The Silk Weaver Sangiovese** RR

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<b>2019:</b> silky smooth and with an intense red berry ripe core, glossy and refined, a wine with real quality and humility. Still evolving and will improve.	<b>2019</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2020-2029</b>
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**Die Plek Cinsault** RRR

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<b>2016:</b> very pale depth, bright perfumed nose, delicate yet powerful, tangy and with structure to age, needs time to show fine succulent fruit. Poised and persistent.	<b>2016</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
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**Cuveé Rika Pinot Noir** RRR

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<b>2012:</b> perfumed and deep, a richer and heavier style of Pinot, with dark fruit, needing time.	<b>2012</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2012-2022</b>
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<b>2014:</b> nicely pale but intensely fruited, raspberry and oak in a lighter style.	<b>2014</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2014-2024</b>
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<b>2015:</b> quite pale but overtly aromatic, mocha and toasty oak notes, then ripe elegant and lip-smacking berry fruit, fresh and generous.	<b>2015</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
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<b>2017:</b> dusty lace tannins and lozenge dark fruits with liquorice, untypical but silky and delicious.	<b>2017</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>
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**Merlot** RR

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	<b>2004</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2005-2013</b>
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<b>2007:</b> mauve hue, wooded notes, smooth and supple with blue fruit flavours.	<b>2007</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2007-2017</b>
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<b>2008:</b> less sweet than '07, quieter but still with chunky, savoury fruit.	<b>2008</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2008-2018</b>
<b>2015:</b> very dry with grippy tannins over dark berried spice, serious stuff.	<b>2015</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2015-2025</b>
<b>2016:</b> inky depth and mixed dark fruit bite, voluptuous and smooth and with pristine fruit smoothness.	<b>2016</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2017:</b> deep ruby gloss, shy nose then smooth and ripe cherry and forest fruits with oak, big and supple.	<b>2017</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>
<b>2018:</b> sweet caramel nose, deep red berry palate with a juicy, lightish mouthfeel and dry bite finish.	<b>2018</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>

## Pinotage RR

	<b>2004</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2006-2018</b>
<b>2007:</b> nice developed bouquet and balanced black fruited flavours. Still powerful and lozenge powered. Re-tasted at age 12 and showing fruit and depth.	<b>2007</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2007-2021</b>
<b>2008:</b> squashed prune nose then plums and wet tar flavours with a touch of chemical fume.	<b>2008</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2009-2019</b>
<b>2017:</b> bright ruby hue, closed at one year, classic blue fruit notes, simple, easy and very fruity.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> so close to its parents, with Pinot nose, dark earthy red fruit and lots of perfume, demure and poised.	<b>2018</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>

## Maandans Red RRRR

<b>2017:</b> very pale ruby hue, bright sensuous nose then cherry and blue fruits in a very classy and nimble style, great structure and harmony and not overblown. Needs time.	<b>2017</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>
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## Cabernet Sauvignon RR

	<b>2004</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2005-2015</b>
<b>2007:</b> grippy, dry tannins under a black cherry and damson richness yet lighter feel.	<b>2007</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2007-2018</b>
<b>2008:</b> vanilla aromas, dry tannins under fleshy blue fruits.	<b>2008</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2008-2019</b>
<b>2014:</b> deep purple hue then accessible juicy cassis and hedgerow fruit, lots of plum and mulberry.	<b>2014</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2014-2026</b>
<b>2015:</b> ruby depth, lots of mint and herbs and rustic blue fruits, delicate yet rich, silky and elegant. Will keep improving.	<b>2015</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2017-2028</b>
<b>2017:</b> very dark and serious, with tobacco, blackcurrant and a full mouthfeel, dry and not too grippy, will improve.	<b>2017</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>
<b>2018:</b> paler than '17, with bold berry fruit nose, red berry compote with hedgerow blackberry flavours, fresh and lighter styled.	<b>2018</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>
<b>2019:</b> another elegantly, silkier styled version, lots of mixed dark fruits, clean and precise and fruit driven.	<b>2019</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2020-2029</b>

## Shiraz

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<b>2008:</b> deep purple hue, fruity nose and big, juicy blackberry fruit with bite and texture.	<b>2008</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2009-2020</b>
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## Driefontein Syrah

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<b>2014:</b> sexy colour with tight hold yet, needing time to show rich spicy fruit. Will improve.	<b>2014</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2014-2024</b>
<b>2016:</b> bold and forward, lots of lavender, oak and ripe black currant with bite, spice and an earthy texture. A step up.	<b>2016</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>
<b>2017:</b> deep ruby shine, spicy pepper nose, bold and lush plum fruits, smooth and staying light footed.	<b>2017</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>

## Ekliptika

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<b>2012:</b> grippy toasted oak with dry black fruits and plum notes. Needs time.	<b>2014</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2013-2025</b>
<b>2014:</b> Merlot led, with a brooding nose and slowly revealing ripe lush fruit in the wings. Structured and sophisticated.	<b>2016</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2016-2028</b>
<b>2015:</b> bursting with mint, leafy, cassis and forest fruits, rich, deep and still evolving, complex yet accessible in youth. This will be a classic and at age four improving score with lace tannins and focussed fruit charm.	<b>2015</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2017-2029</b>
<b>2016:</b> a winter's compote, herb and leafy dark fruits, plum and damson with quality wood and subtle tannin, long, stylish and compelling. Wonderful.	<b>2016</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2018-2030</b>
<b>2017:</b> deep ruby tones, oak and perfumed plum with mulberry richness, intense and plush yet fresh and not extracted, quite delicious.	<b>2017</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2019-2030</b>

**Misterie**                      RRRR

<b>2015:</b> glossy and perfumed, violets, mulberries and plum, with rosemary and vanilla hint, serious and rich with blackcurrant and spice edge, finishing fine and elegantly. Will improve as at age four already improved score, deep and layered.	<b>2017</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2016-2028</b>
<b>2016:</b> opaque depths, reserved nose then lively and clean fruited, red berries, fynbos and a touch of herb and mint on a precise, compelling and classy wine.	<b>2016</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>

**Edelgoud NLH**            375ml                      RRR

<b>2011:</b> lovely straw hue and stone fruit perfume, lighter style with delicate palate, all marmalade, tangerine and lemon drop.	<b>2011</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2011-2025</b>
<b>2015:</b> orange and lemon, mid straw hue, luscious without being sticky and retaining a clean and charming deftness.	<b>2015</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2016-2028</b>