

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

R

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

2012 84 2012-2017

Sauvignon Blanc

RR

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

2010 86 2011-2018

Driefontein Blanc Sauvignon Blanc

RRR

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

RR

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

2015: creamy but nicely fresh, with layered fruit, some tropical hint and a full mouthfeel, very good. **2015 90 2016-2027**

2017: fresh and mixed fruited, some exotic tropical, some zippy citrus, yet subdued acidity and round mouthfeel. Very friendly. **2017 89 2018-2027**

Ou Steen

RRRR

2013: complex nose hinting off-dry style, classy peach minerality and touch of lanolin. Exceptional. **2013 94 2014-2025**

2015: icon status already, closed still with delicate peach, pear and papaya, opening constantly, layered long and sumptuous. **2015 95 2016-2028**

2016: 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. **2016 94 2017-2030**

2017: glossy straw hue, shy in youth, fresh and agile textured yellow fruits, layered, balanced with barely noticeable sweetness, individual and attractive. **2017 93 2019-2029**

Chardonnay

RR

2008: gold colour with big, oaky nose and creamy, sweet fruit. Rich and full. **2008 90 2009-2020**

2016: lovely balance of citrus and tropical richness, clean and focussed and fullish. **2016 89 2016-2026**

2017: clean and bright nose, quite fresh acidity then lees hint, feint cream and burst of bold white pear and peach delight. **2017 89 2017-2027**

Clos du Ciel Chardonnay

RRRR

2000: mid gold, hints of toast and marmalade and dried fruit, poised, refined and finishing **2000 93 2000-2020**

quite powerfully.

2015: mid straw, overt stone fruit nose, mealy, balanced like a Grand Cru Chablis, long and layered. Incredibly class, elegance and precision. Improved score.

2015 95 2016-2028

2016: 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.

2016 96 2017-2028

2017: ripe aromas with butter and cream then pristine nimble stone fruit persistence, rich yet balanced, fine yet profound, soft, elegant and suave.

2017 94 2019-2028

The Emily

R

2017: palest tint but quite viscous mouthfeel, light peach and bitter hint, dry and refreshing.

2017 82 2017-2023

2018: again, a pale tint and ripe fruited, soft berry notes, dry, fleshy and easy-going.

2018 87 2018-2024

Rosé

R

2011: almost red, lighter styled with a dry and red berried finish.

2011 80 2011-2017

Konkelberg Rosé

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2016: Cabernet and Sauvignon blend offering bright strawberry notes, juicy yet dry and mid weighted.

2016 84 2016-2024

Rouge

R

2012: deep, spicy black fruits with fresh and fruity to style for immediate drinking.

2012 82 2012-2020

Jasper Raats The Silk Weaver Sangiovese

RR

2019: 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.	2019 91	2020-2029
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Die Plek Cinsault

RRR

2016: 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.	2016 89	2018-2028
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Cuveé Rika Pinot Noir

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

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	2004 85	2005-2013
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2007: mauve hue, wooded notes, smooth and supple with blue fruit flavours.	2007 86	2007-2017
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2008: less sweet than '07, quieter but still with chunky, savoury fruit.	2008 85	2008-2018
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2015: very dry with grippy tannins over dark berried spice, serious stuff.	2015 87	2015-2025
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2016: inky depth and mixed dark fruit bite, voluptuous	2016 88	2016-2026
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and smooth and with pristine fruit smoothness.

2017: deep ruby gloss, shy nose then smooth and ripe cherry and forest fruits with oak, big and supple.

2017 90 2019-2029

Pinotage

RR

2004 90 2006-2018

2007: nice developed bouquet and balanced black fruited flavours. Still powerful and lozenge powered. Re-tasted at age 12 and showing fruit and depth.

2007 88 2007-2021

2008: squashed prune nose then plums and wet tar flavours with a touch of chemical fume.

2008 88 2009-2019

2017: bright ruby hue, closed at one year, classic blue fruit notes, simple, easy and very fruity.

2017 86 2017-2027

2018: so close to its parents, with Pinot nose, dark earthy red fruit and lots of perfume, demure and poised.

2018 89 2018-2029

Maandans Red

RRRR

2017: 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.

2017 94 2019-2029

Cabernet Sauvignon

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2004 87 2005-2015

2007: grippy, dry tannins under a black cherry and damson richness yet lighter feel.

2007 86 2007-2018

2008: vanilla aromas, dry tannins under fleshy blue fruits.

2008 86 2008-2019

2014: deep purple hue then accessible juicy cassis and hedgerow fruit, lots of

2014 88 2014-2026

plum and mulberry.

2015: ruby depth, lots of mint and herbs and rustic
blue fruits, delicate yet rich, silky and elegant.
Will keep improving.

2015 90 2017-2028

2017: very dark and serious, with tobacco, blackcurrant
and a full mouthfeel, dry and not too grippy, will improve.

2017 91 2019-2029

2018: paler than '17, with bold berry fruit nose, red berry
compote with hedgerow blackberry flavours, fresh and
lighter styled.

2018 89 2019-2028

Shiraz

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2008: deep purple hue, fruity nose and big,
juicy blackberry fruit with bite and texture.

2008 88 2009-2020

Driefontein Syrah

RR

2014: sexy colour with tight hold yet, needing
time to show rich spicy fruit. Will improve.

2014 86 2014-2024

2016: bold and forward, lots of lavender, oak
and ripe black currant with bite, spice and an
earthy texture. A step up.

2016 91 2019-2029

Ekliptika

RRRR

2012: grippy toasted oak with dry black
fruits and plum notes. Needs time.

2014 91 2013-2025

2014: Merlot led, with a brooding nose and
slowly revealing ripe lush fruit in the wings.
Structured and sophisticated.

2016 92 2016-2028

2015: 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.

2015 93 2017-2029

2016: a winter's compote, herb and leafy dark fruits,
plum and damson with quality wood and subtle
tannin, long, stylish and compelling. Wonderful.

2016 94 2018-2030

2017: deep ruby tones, oak and perfumed plum with mulberry richness, intense and plush yet fresh and not extracted, quite delicious.

2017 94 2019-2030

Misterie

RRRR

2015: 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.

2017 95 2016-2028

2016: 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.

2016 94 2019-2029

Edelgoud NLH

375ml

RRR

2011: lovely straw hue and stone fruit perfume, lighter style with delicate palate, all marmalade, tangerine and lemon drop.

2011 91 2011-2025

2015: orange and lemon, mid straw hue, luscious without being sticky and retaining a clean and charming deftness.

2015 88 2016-2028