

Louisvale Wines

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WO: Stellenbosch / Coastal

Great views over rolling countryside and new buildings to provide conference and eating facilities but retaining personal attention.



Vintage Score best drinking

MCC Brut

RR

NV: bursting with zest and lemon tangy bite, brief mousse and not yeast aromas, dry and fleeting.

NV 85 1-5 years

MCC Brut Rosé

RR

NV: onion skin hue, feint mousse, richer than the Brut version, with some zest and bite.

NV 86 1-5 years

Stone Road Sauvignon Blanc

R

2017: lip-smackingly refreshing, green citrus and a hint of tropical fruit, bracing but not edgy.

2017 83 2017-2023

2018: very shy nose, orange and stone fruited with arresting grip, very refreshing.

2018 84 2018-2025

2020: watery depth, overt gooseberry then tropical notes, flinty and light, not depth grippy.

2020 86 2020-2026

Sauvignon Blanc

R

2012: classic tropical nose with dominant gooseberry, bone dry and overt tight palate. Terrific bargain.	2012	85	2012-2018
2020: pale straw, fullish and with restrained tropical stone fruits, very dry and serious, staying tight throughout.	2020	87	2020-2026

Unwooded Chardonnay R

2011: pale hue, zesty bright acid bite over mid weight fruit of green apples and a creamy finish.	2011	85	2011-2017
2013: lighter feel, lots of stone fruit and citrus and gently refreshing.	2013	86	2013-2020
2014: quite full and flavoursome despite being fine and poised. Lots of ripe stone fruit and peach.	2014	85	2014-2022
2016: rich and full body, seems wooded, with bright fruit and some texture.	2016	84	2016-2024
2017: lots of stone fruits, quite ripe and fruity, easy and attractive with a. Clean, very pleasant finish.	2017	86	2017-2025
2018: full of orange rind, tangerine and passion fruit flavours, nicely balanced, vibrant and fresh. Delicious and finely crafted.	2018	88	2018-2026
2019: gentle herbs and citrus tones on a fresh and precise wine, clean, nimble and effective.	2019	87	2019-2027

Chavant RR

2011: pale lime, oaky nose then soft gentle fruit with subtle acidity and creamy finish.	2011	85	2011-2017
2016: obvious creamy Malo, full mouthfeel, peach and pear with firm zesty punch.	2016	86	2016-2025
2018: pale straw with walnut and yellow fruit aromas, hay and quince with lovely mouthfeel.	2018	87	2018-2026
2019: bold creamy wood nose, full mouthfeel, sinewy oak behind floral and white pear tones,	2019	89	2019-2027

brief but enjoyable.

Chardonnay RR

2010: creamy, buttery nose then surprisingly delicate palate, a touch bitter but likeable.	2010 86 2010-2017
2014: clean and full, richly fruited but well balanced, tropical fruit and smooth palate.	2014 85 2014-2023
2017: full bodied and quite rich with some viscosity and soft, fleshy fruit comfort.	2017 88 2017-2027

Chardonnay/Pinot Noir Rosé R

2012: strangely hard work with a mix of green fruit, nuts and dry bite	2012 81 2012-2018
2013: difficult to pigeonhole, simply fruited with citrus hints but rather subdued.	2013 83 2013-2018

Stone Road Cinsault Rosé R

2017: pale salmon and fruity red melon but dry, quite linear and zippy if brief.	2017 80 2017-2023
2018: very pale pink, light (11% alcohol) feel but still tightly wound with a confected strawberry and pink melon fruited core.	2018 83 2018-2026
2020: so faintly coloured, with delicious dry red berry notes, nice balance and not too fruity, terrific value.	2020 87 2020-2027

Dominique RR

2011: very dark, mid weight, juicy fruit with spice from Cabernet Franc. Chewy and dry.	2011 88 2011-2018
2016: shy nose, then elegantly poised fruit, currants and liquorice with wood hint, smooth, layered and	2016 89 2018-2028

quite classy.

2017: less demanding, layers of spicy fruit and some length, very nice.	2017	84	2017-2025
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Stone Road Merlot R

2011: medium weight, quiet nose of red berries then flavours of sour cherry, dark chocolate and mocha. Another bargain.	2011	86	2011-2018
2016: straightforward, cherry fruited wine, soft and plump and generous.	2016	82	2016-2024
2017: smoky plum with soft and dusty tannins, dark fruit medley and even spice hint, easy and smooth.	2017	87	2018-2027
2019: dark berry nose, dusty wood tannins, dry cherry and plum enjoyment, better than entry level.	2019	88	2019-2028

Merlot R

2019: shy nose, ruby gloss over fruity and tactile mulberry juiciness with wood backbone, friendly and accessible.	2019	88	2020-2028
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Stone Road Cabernet Sauvignon R

2010: alluring nose, overt and sexy with a hint of sweetness, cassis, savoury herbs and great value.	2010	87	2010-2020
2015: soft and lush cassis with obvious wood nuances. Easy-going and well made.	2015	83	2015-2025
2016: glossy ruby glint, very forward and juicy, almost jammy, wrongly supposed whole bunch because of bright, fresh notes.	2016	86	2017-2027
2019: lozenge-like blackcurrant juice and dark full bodied suppleness on a wine that is not complex, but delicious and satisfying.	2019	86	2019-2028

Cabernet Sauvignon

R

2019: very deep with a shy nose then bold dark and blue currant silky mouthfeel, powerful but well-handled and finishing firm. Excellent value.

2019 90 2020-2029

Stone Road Shiraz

R

2014: deep mulberry nose and fruit, easy going, smooth and delicious with spicy finish.

2014 82 2014-2023

2016: very deep and aromatic, perfumed juicy mulberry fruit and spice in an easy-going style.

2016 85 2016-2025

2018: bright and supple and oozing with spicy dark fruit and a considerable coffee/mocha charred oak note throughout.

2018 84 2018-2025

V Barrels

RRRR

2015: ruby opaque depth, overt layered nose, rich sweet fruit and balanced oak, very classy and lingering.

2015 93 2017-2030