

## Lourensford Estate

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Expansive and pristine estate, with luxurious gardens, sculptures and popular bistro, idyllic setting for picnics. Regular wine pairings with nougat, Turkish delight or chocolate.



*Vintage Score best drinking*

### MCC Brut Rosé

RRR

<b>2011:</b> still fruit dominant despite 34months on lees. Strawberry, roses and long finish. Delicious.	<b>2011</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2011-2025</b>
<b>2015:</b> pale coral hue, bright and dry with strawberry hint and dusty raspberry bite, fine if brief.	<b>2015</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2015-2025</b>
<b>2017:</b> pale copper tint, fast and frothy mousse, lots of refreshing tight berry and summer fruited grip and quite dry.	<b>2017</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>

### Nectar Demi-Sec MCC

RR

<b>2018:</b> translucent depth, fast disappearing mousse, softish yellow fruits, round and easy and not overly sweet.	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2028-2026</b>
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### Five Heirs Sauvignon Blanc

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	<b>2008</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2008-2013</b>
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### Classique (was River Garden) Sauvignon Blanc

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	<b>2008</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2008-2014</b>
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<b>2012:</b> intense green nettle nose, big flavours but on one level.	<b>2012</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2012-2017</b>
<b>2014:</b> bold, chunky green lemon fruit, nicely thirst quenching and dry.	<b>2014</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2014-2021</b>
<b>2015:</b> softened and with creamy white stone fruit. Pleasant and undemanding.	<b>2015</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2015-2022</b>
<b>2017:</b> very pale but exuberant, very firm and with mineral grip, steely and dry and yet to show.	<b>2017</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2025</b>
<b>2018:</b> overt green fruit zest and chunky citrus attack, peppermint hint and fresh dry finish.	<b>2018</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>

### Winemakers Sauvignon Blanc RR

<b>2011:</b> obvious oak nose, stone fruits and savory bite with some complexity.	<b>2011</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2011-2018</b>
<b>2014:</b> deeper colour reflects touch of Semillon and time in old oak. Nicely weighty.	<b>2014</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2014-2019</b>

### Five Heirs Chardonnay R

	<b>2005</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2005-2013</b>
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### Five Heirs Chardonnay/Viognier RR

	<b>2008</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2008-2017</b>
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### River Garden Unoaked Chardonnay R

<b>2018:</b> gently tropical notes on a brief and mid weight wine, some softened tones, pleasant and undemanding.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2024</b>
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### River Garden Chardonnay R

<b>2015:</b> soft yellow fruits, easy drinking and fair value, without definite character.	<b>2015</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2015-2022</b>
<b>2017:</b> juicy tropical fruit only just manages to keep on top of sinewy oak flavours. Modest and straightforward, but still pleasant.	<b>2017</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2017-2024</b>

### Classique (was Estate) Chardonnay

RR

<b>2012:</b> sweet, oaky nose, tropical fruited with grippy acid and ripe finish.	<b>2012</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2012-2018</b>
<b>2013:</b> hints of oak over tropical fruit notes and touch of herb.	<b>2013</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>
<b>2016:</b> overt, brash fruit, lots of exotic yellow fruits, with an oak base, enjoyable if one-dimensional	<b>2016</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2016-2025</b>

### Limited Release (was Winemakers) Chardonnay

RRR

<b>2012:</b> shy nose but 100% new oak gives texture and power. Fruit stands up well.	<b>2012</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2012-2020</b>
<b>2017:</b> deep yellow fruited, gentle oily notes, clean mouthfeel, rich and alluring.	<b>2017</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> pale hue, big oaky nose with cream hint, fresh, linear white pear and mango notes, quite friendly.	<b>2018</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>

### The Dome Chardonnay

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<b>2017:</b> pale depth with fruit and cream nose then woody palate, needing 3 years to show.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> delightful balance, with wood more withheld than in '17, with white blossom, light pear, honeysuckle and stone fruit notes, classy and detailed.	<b>2018</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>
<b>2019:</b> warmer and richer than the '18, with mineral hint, tight and grainy wood hint and firmer finish.	<b>2019</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>

**Limited Release Viognier (was Winemakers Viognier)**

RR

<b>2011:</b> mid straw hue, delicate peach nose then rich apricot fruit with dry finish.	<b>2011</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2011-2020</b>
<b>2015:</b> medium straw hue, overt perfumed peach nose, honeyed and bold profile	<b>2015</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2015-2024</b>
<b>2016:</b> mid straw depth, shy nose, expressive soft peach lushness, nicely fat and overt, juicy and satisfying.	<b>2016</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2016-2025</b>
<b>2017:</b> straw tinge, overt sweet nose, perfumed peach notes, juicy mouthfeel with viscous texture, very nice.	<b>2017</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> pale lemon tint, hugely overt nose and palate, delicious peach summer ripe notes, full bodied and very fruity.	<b>2018</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>

**Winemakers White Blend**

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<b>2009:</b> green fruited with bright and sharp fruit still, feminine and pleasant without definition.	<b>2009</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2009-2018</b>
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**Chrysalis White**

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<b>2015:</b> lime tinged, with shy nose and very dry, stone fruit serious layers. Subtle and classy stone fruited, a cerebral wine.	<b>2015</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
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**Classique (now River Garden) Chardonnay/Pinot Noir Rosé**

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<b>2014:</b> merest sweetness, with zippy bright red fruit, instantly enjoyable.	<b>2014</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2014-2020</b>
<b>2018:</b> pale pink hue, deep raspberry nose, soft and dry with just enough weight.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2024</b>
<b>2022:</b> bright and ripe, with summer pudding notes, nice balance and not overblown.	<b>2022</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2022-2027</b>

**The Dome Pinot Noir**

RR

<b>2016:</b> pale and light weight, sweet nose, ripe dark cherry and strawberry notes, earthy and lithe	<b>2016</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2017-2028</b>
<b>2017:</b> mid garnet, rich full nose of strawberries, earth and wood hint, complex yet bright, clean, long and classy. Great value for real enjoyment.	<b>2017</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>
<b>2018:</b> deep and serious, with a bright perfumed nose, cherry and vanilla oak base then fresh strawberry forest flavours, the best yet.	<b>2018</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>

**Five Heirs Merlot**

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	<b>2006</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2006-2017</b>
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**Classique (was Estate) Merlot**

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<b>2011:</b> mid depth, sweet red berry nose, spicy and with a smooth coffee flavour.	<b>2011</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2011-2018</b>
<b>2016:</b> deep hue, shy nose, fruity red berries with good acid balance, supple and earthy bitter cherry.	<b>2016</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2017:</b> pale depth, dry feel, lots of forward, easy-going cherry fruit, satisfying and well made.	<b>2017</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>

**Dome Merlot**

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<b>2017:</b> just mid weight and depth, with forward tactile cherry fruits, friendly, very dry and enjoyable.	<b>2017</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
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**Limited Release Merlot**

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<b>2011:</b> oak and spicy blueberry nose, velvety tannins and warm, layered fruit yet to really	<b>2011</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2012-2022</b>
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show. Will be terrific.		
<b>2014:</b> very deep, with sweet rich nose, grippy and layered, needing time yet.	<b>2014</b>	<b>90 2016-2026</b>
<b>2016:</b> deeply hued and serious, weighty nose, oak notes supporting strong dark fruit layers, needs a few years.	<b>2016</b>	<b>89 2018-2028</b>
<b>2017:</b> very deep with reserved nose and dusky earth tone, dark fruits, focussed, clean and lingering, very nice.	<b>2017</b>	<b>90 2018-2028</b>

### Five Heirs Pinotage R

	<b>2005</b>	<b>88 2006-2017</b>
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### Five Heirs Cabernet Sauvignon R

	<b>2004</b>	<b>85 2004-2014</b>
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### Seventeen Hundred RRR

	<b>2005</b>	<b>91 2006-2019</b>
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### River Garden Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot R

<b>2016:</b> full flavoured, with mixed berry fruits, lots of blackcurrant, and dusty, balanced tannins, great value.	<b>2016</b>	<b>86 2017-2026</b>
<b>2017:</b> dark berried and medium bodied, rather disjointed and slightly uncouth, but a good value winter wine.	<b>2017</b>	<b>82 2018-2025</b>
<b>2019:</b> lots of generous soft blackberry fruit with sweet graphite and mocha wood note, full and fleshy.	<b>2019</b>	<b>86 2020-2027</b>

### Dome Ethel RR

<b>2016:</b> heavily wooded nose revealing deep fruited and grippy mouthfeel, with ripeness, some elegance and character.	<b>2016</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
<b>2017:</b> deep ruby hue, blue fruit nose, very dry and firm, then opens with ripe and juicy currants and char hint.	<b>2017</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>

## Estate Cabernet Sauvignon RR

	<b>2003</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2004-2017</b>
<b>2010:</b> deep plum, big fruit attack with grippy tannins and lozenge-like blackcurrant and cedar.	<b>2010</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2010-2020</b>
<b>2014:</b> deep hue, shy nose, opens with dark bramble fruit, nicely balanced.	<b>2014</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2015-2025</b>
<b>2015:</b> deep ruby, shy dark fruit, pencils and spicy blackcurrant, grippy and opening slowly.	<b>2015</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2017-2029</b>

## Chrysalis Red RRRR

<b>2015:</b> inky depth, ripe fruit oaky nose then rich but elegant silky palate, classic cedar and blackcurrant poise, long and balanced.	<b>2015</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2017-2028</b>
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## Five Heirs Shiraz R

<b>2003:</b> tasted at age eleven and still showing nice fruit and game notes, if losing some power.	<b>2003</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2003-2016</b>
	<b>2005</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2006-2015</b>

## Five Heirs Shiraz/Viognier R

	<b>2005</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2005-2015</b>
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**Limited Release SMV (was Estate Shiraz/Mourvedre/Viognier)**

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<b>2011:</b> huge coffee nose with soft tannins, sweet black fruit and char. Viognier just lifts the finish, overpowered otherwise.	<b>2011</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2011-2020</b>
<b>2015:</b> smoky oak notes, led by spicy 90% Shiraz, big, rather 'hot' with hedgerow cherry bite	<b>2015</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2016:</b> dusty and rustic, with dark spicy fruit punch, savoury and textured and full.	<b>2016</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> dry and yet offering bright, almost juicy, dark winter fruits and earth note, full and satisfying.	<b>2018</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>

**River Garden Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon**

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<b>2010:</b> inky hue with rich, plummy nose. Smooth and viscous and with enjoyable black fruits.	<b>2010</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2011-2020</b>
<b>2016:</b> mixed berry fruits, forward, simple and very juicy, almost a whole-bunch fragrance, doesn't linger.	<b>2016</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2016-2024</b>
<b>2017:</b> overtly pungent with hot tarmac, smoke and mocha, full and energetic if rather forceful and plain.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>

**Classique (was Estate) Shiraz**

RR

	<b>2007</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2008-2020</b>
<b>2010:</b> juicy, fleshy nose with simple spicy fruit and hints of tar.	<b>2010</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2010-2018</b>
<b>2016:</b> dark and spicy, rustic pepper hit, plums and dusty tannins, finishing smoother.	<b>2016</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>

**Winemakers Syrah**

RRR

<b>2009:</b> huge mocha nose with rustic chewy fruit. Very masculine and slightly feral. Perfect for winter.	<b>2009</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2010-2020</b>
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## Winemakers Red Reserve

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<b>2009:</b> vanilla oak nose, inky hue then big ripe fruit with aging balance and classy succulent flavours.	<b>2009</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2010-2022</b>
<b>2014:</b> Cabernet led, with blue fruit nose, sappy and tight yet, but with promise.	<b>2014</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>

## Noble Late Harvest 375ml

RRR

<b>2008:</b> pale and with just hints of botrytis then watery and light palate. Almost Late Harvest and uncharacteristic.	<b>2008</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2008-2018</b>
<b>2012:</b> bright, lemony fruit with Semillon's weight and richness. Fresh, apricot fruit and so lightfooted. Delicious.	<b>2012</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2013-2025</b>
<b>2014:</b> sombre dried fruits, more reserved and with a less obvious sweetness than previously, but still very good.	<b>2014</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2014-2026</b>
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