

MAN Vintners

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Re-invigorated and now including the Lievland portfolio, this is a must-visit farm, friendly, picturesque and with wines to suit all.

Vintage Score best drinking

Warrelwind Sauvignon Blanc

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2012: pale lime with overt fruity nose and striking attack on the palate. Quite savoury if rather short.	2012	87	2012-2018
2018: lots of yellow fruit and pleasant minerality in a lighter style and rather fleeting.	2018	85	2018-2025
2019: watery hue and a fleeting mineral hit and crisp green citrus burst, dry, pleasant and refreshing.	2019	85	2019-2025

Free-run Steen Chenin Blanc

R

	2010	76	2010-2013
2012: pale gold, fresh green nose then unripe apple and melon taste, lightish and will gain depth.	2012	82	2012-2018
2015: classic Chenin, bright, zippy, powerful yet elegant and will improve.	2015	85	2016-2025
2018: seems a touch of sweetness but still has crunch in an accessible fun style.	2018	87	2018-2026
2019: pale hue, then forward savoury textured herb and green apple fruits, tangy and crunchy.	2019	87	2019-2027

Essay Chenin Blanc

RR

2018: bright and breezy, with overt pear drop flavours, fun but brief.	2018	86	2018-2024
2019: not overly aromatic, the blends seem subdued and shy, some tropical fruit notes but brief.	2019	85	2019-2025

Padstal Chardonnay

R

2010: deep hue from barrel ferment, rich and interesting palate and showing lovely fruit.	2010	86	2010-2018
2017: feels unwooded, with crunchy mouthfeel and bitter marmalade and citrus notes, personality and tautness.	2017	87	2017-2026
2018: full yellow fruited, ripe and smooth, with some depth and impact.	2018	87	2018-2027
2019: bold dry green apple crunch, lip-smacking freshness, citrus, lemon, lime and just enough weight.	2019	86	2019-2027

Rosé

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2012: mid pink, overt strawberry and off dry palate but remaining fresh and clean.	2012	84	2012-2017
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Jan Fiskaal Merlot

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2010: deep purple with sweet fruit nose and juicy spicy fruit in the mouth. Very drinkable.	2010	88	2011-2019
2016: mid depth and weight, mixed red berries, soft and gentle if brief.	2016	85	2016-2025
2017: cherry bright nose, bitter red berries, dark chocolate and burnt tobacco, nicely restrained.	2017	87	2017-2026

Bosstok Pinotage

R

2008: flavour packed and assertive, with leather and liquorice spice and trademark syrupy fruit.	2008	88	2008-2019
2010: opaque, familiar liquorice baked lozenge notes with some spicy bite.	2010	87	2011-2018
2016: dark fruited and so smooth and silky, nicely balanced and elegant, quite classy.	2016	87	2016-2026
2018: blue fruit attack, lozenge like and juicy full, smooth mid palate with cedar and red berries.	2018	87	2019-2028

Ou Kalant Cabernet Sauvignon

RR

2010: inky, sweet nose and supple, easy going fruit. Softish tannins and easily enjoyable.	2010	86	2010-2018
2011: deep hue, quiet nose then black fruits in a lighter style, pleasant if one dimensional.	2011	87	2011-2018
2012: mid depth and weight, nice use of oak with clean, brooding fruit, quite classy.	2012	87	2012-2021
2013: serious and classy fruit with clever oak and perfect tannins, will improve in time.	2013	88	2013-2023
2017: soft and quite mellow, with gentle tannins and big fruit flavours, pleasant if unremarkable.	2017	86	2017-2026
2018: dark fruit medley, straightforward and juicy with a smooth mouthfeel and brief impact.	2018	84	2018-2025

Skaapveld Shiraz

RR

2008: like a melting blackberry fruit pastille, supple and smooth but lacking some structure. Cote Rotie-like on second day.	2008	88	2009-2019
2009: rich purple, spicy black fruits and herbs then a gentler style with easier tannins.	2009	88	2010-2019
2014: vibrant cherry-garnet, nicely restrained with expressive, classy fruit. Delicious.	2014	87	2014-2024

2015: big, mouthfilling and with rich dark fruits, finishing with panache and a future promise.

2015 89 2016-2028

2017: not too peppery, but with velvety dark fruit sumptuousness, quite attractive.

2017 86 2017-2027

2018: mixed black fruits, feint spicy bite but accessible and friendly and undemanding, quite acceptable.

2018 84 2018-2027

Essay SMG Red

RR

2017: just mid weight and depth, not too firm, sweet and juicy fruited and very easy.

2017 85 2017-2027

2018: fruity nose, light depth, dry and fresh tannins, spicy hint on dark fruits but approachable and juicy.

2018 86 2018-2027

Tormentoso Mourvèdre

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2009 86 2009-2017

Tormentosa Pinotage

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2010: mid depth and weight, hints of dark berry and sweet oak, nice mouthfeel and quite pleasant.

2010 86 2010-2017