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WO; Paarl / Western Cape



Vintage Score best drinking

Sauvignon Blanc RR

	2009	76	2009-2011
2011: honey wax and mid straw hue, lots of flinty structure.	2011	88	2011-2020
2015: still lush and vibrant, with peach viscuous mouthfeel, nicely balanced and long.	2015	93	2015-2025
2016: hint of Semillon helps soften and add quince and lemon squeeze, nice honey oily texture	2016	91	2016-2026
2017: faintly wood grounded nose, savoury green citrus, gooseberry pungency, brief, but nicely dry and taut.	2017	88	2017-2027

Rosé RR

2018: the palest tint then dull stone yellow fruit, feels full and ripe but has good grip and finishes dry.	2018	87	2018-2026
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Merlot RR

	2006	85	2006-2012
2011: slightly medicinal and leafy nose, lots of ripe	2011	91	2012-2022

soft and fruity raisin and prune sexy mouthfeel,
still vibrant at age eight.

2012: deeply hued, rich and dark fruited with some savoury development showing.	2012	88	2012-2022
2013: lowish alcohol at 13% and a paler, finer version with classy fruit and silky tannins.	2013	91	2014-2025
2014: seems drying out, with dusty tannins and leaner fruit profile, enjoyable with food.	2014	88	2015-2024
2015: sweet overt nose, ripe and full flavours, focussed and seamless, top notch.	2015	92	2016-2026

Cabernet Sauvignon RRR

	2005	84	2005-2015
2014: nice weighted and balanced, with sudbued fruit nuances and seductive restraint.	2014	89	2015-2025
2017: deep garnet hue, hint of mint then deep dark fruit lozenge boldness, alluring curranty and a very dry finish.	2017	90	2018-2028

Cape Blend RR

2008: leather, game and forest floor showing, fruit is holding with savoury notes.	2008	88	2009-2020
2011: red berry nuance, finely balanced with edgy grip and length.	2011	90	2012-2022
2014: deep ruby red, ripe sweet fruited nose, forward generous fruit with supporting oak, distinguished and pliant.	2014	91	2015-2024
2015: rich, deep plum hue and aromas, hint of wood vanilla and savoury grip.	2015	91	2015-2025

Pinotage RR

	2005	85	2005-2014
2009: some brick rim at age ten, with briary tangy nose and tight, slightly sappy oaky fruit, still holding on.	2009	88	2010-2023
2012: bold and juicy, with blueberry fruit attack, accessible and pleasant.	2012	88	2013-2021
2014: different to '15, with a finer, leaner texture and more restraint, very good.	2014	90	2015-2023
2015: opaque, overt and expressive mouthfeel, with complex and long fruit composure, very impressive	2015	93	2016-2026
2016: opaque depth, sweet dark fruit and coconut nose, very tight still, spicy, dark berried and needing time.	2016	89	2019-2027

Shiraz

RRR

	2007	93	2010-2019
2009: still deep at age ten, sweet briary fruit, tactile and tomato leaf with plums and prunes, layered, sensuous and delicious.			
2013: red tones and hedgerow hint, with easy mild tannins and dusky dark fruit flavours.	2013	89	2014-2023
2014: inky gloss, shy but serious nose, very dark and spicy hedgerow fruited, firm and dry and needing six years. Will improve score.	2014	91	2016-2026

Desirade

RRR

2012: friendly and appealing berry fruited with fine tannins and enjoyable mouthfeel.	2012	89	2013-2023
2013: more restrained version, with red berry and forest notes, lingering complexity and elegance.	2013	91	2014-2025
2015: the Francois Pienaar edition and with similar silky, harmonious and balanced moves, lots of plum and mulberry charm. Better at age five.	2015	93	2017-2027

Floreal**RRR**

2004: big alcohol (15.5%) is hidden in the layered and long cassis and cherry structure. Very classy.	2004	93	2005-2025
2006: burgundy rim with leaf, slightly stewed and herb nose, rustic red berry, powerful and compelling	2006	90	2008-2022
2007: intense and forward, but lingering as it unwinds, showing clean fruit and balance.	2007	92	2008-2027
2008: still deep at age eleven, with mint and rooibos hint, currants and leafy dark fruits, still grippy but nicely balanced.	2008	90	2010-2024
2009: tomato plant notes, richer and lusher than '07, with a more forward style.	2009	88	2010-2022
2013: red berry compote with rustic savoury notes and grippy tannins. Very pleasant.	2013	90	2014-2025