

Meerlust Estate

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Historic estate, owner of the iconic Rubicon wine, offering tastings of all wines in an informative and rustic setting. A must visit for tourists. The wines are generous and classy.

Vintage Score best drinking

Chardonnay

RRR

	2007 88 2008-2013
2009: mid gold, overt oaky nose over rich tropical fruit. Quince, herbs, vanilla all in a chunky, full style and with pristine fruit.	2009 92 2010-2018
2010: barrel ferment shows oak forward but huge, rich fruit follows, just needs to settle.	2010 92 2011-2019
2012: typically oaky nose but fruit dominates the palate with power and style.	2012 90 2012-2020
2016: quality oak in balance, clean peach notes, delicate yet classy, long and opening.	2016 90 2016-2026
2017: expressive lemon and tropical aromas with a hint of cream, pure and focussed fruit, elegance and power, needs time.	2017 90 2019-2028
2018: clean and focussed nose, gentle oak supporting fresh yellow and green fruit, with white pear precision. Quite classy, as ever.	2018 92 2019-2029
2020: more oak evident than previously, but this reveals focussed and very fine fruit qualities, a quality wine and it will improve.	2020 91 2021-2029
2021: another classy edition with plush stone fruit and exotic note, vanilla oak support and long memory.	2021 91 2021-2029

Red

RR

2011: red berry notes and juicy flavours, tannic bite and straightforward style.	2011	84	2011-2019
2019: slight earthy, rustic nose then ripe and sweet berry fruits, juicy and accessible in youth, supple and satisfying.	2019	88	2019-2029

Pinot Noir

RRR

	2003	88	2003-2011
	2004	92	2005-2017
2010: shallow depth, dusty, meaty nose then cranberries and raspberries in a light, grippy style. Dry and mineral finish.	2010	89	2010-2017
2011: beautiful colour and big sweet strawberry fruit which fills the mouth.	2011	90	2012-2020
2012: exactly what PN should be, delicate, red fruited, intricate and leaving you wanting more.	2012	89	2012-2021
2016: mid hue and weight, with firstly light red berry notes then grippy tannins, needs time.	2016	88	2017-2027
2017: briary, dusty earth nose, mid weighted with ripe fruit, fulsome yet with charm, poised and not too showy. Should improve.	2017	89	2018-2028
2019: for a young wine this has lovely balance and a deep exotic fruit core, built to last and real quality.	2019	92	2020-2029

Merlot

RRR

	2004	90	2006-2012
	2008	91	2010-2019
2009: deep hue, shy nose of spice and mulberry. Big, rich fruit with ripe tannin overlay. A well made and rewarding wine	2009	91	2011-2022

and so elegant.			
2010: still shy, with grippy tannins and red fruit reflecting Cab Franc notes.	2010	87	2010-2020
2015: deep ruby, full-bodied with supporting oak and dense, rich fruit, needs 3 years.	2015	91	2017-2028
2017: hint of development yet still deep, full fruited and smooth, stylish, serious and delivering nicely.	2017	90	2019-2029

Cabernet Sauvignon RRR

	2005	90	2007-2017
2009: opaque hue, shy nose but revealing oak then lush blue fruits. Plums, cassis and layers of flavour. A classic Cabernet, quite lovely.	2009	93	2011-2019
2010: oak prominent showing firm tannins over dark blue fruits finishing short.	2010	86	2010-2019
2014: structured and firm, yet will reveal layered blackcurrant richness, very good version.	2014	92	2016-2026
2015: dark plum depth, subtle wood note then reserved, balanced fine fruit basis, dry and a touch sinewy, but still appealing.	2015	91	2018-2027
2018: velvety and deep, with dense black fruits, smoky wood and a hint of leather and game, quite cerebral.	2018	91	2020-2030

Rubicon RRRR

	1994	88	1996-2016
	2003	93	2005-2018
	2004	92	2007-2019
	2006	89	2008-2019
	2007	94	2010-2020

2008: shyly perfumed at first, rather brooding, then opening on the palate with chunky bramble fruit and finishing with dense, complex and long flavours.	2008	93	2011-2022
2014: starts sweet and subtle, with spicy dark fruit, accessible throughout and drinking now, but will improve.	2014	93	2017-2028
2015: brooding and deep, showing glimpses of complex briary fruits, cedar and bitter chocolate, tough and closed in youth, there is layered quality to come, will improve.	2015	93	2019-2030