

## Middelvlei Estate

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Winemaker(s): Tinnie Momberg

WO; Stellenbosch

Semi- rural setting for this relaxed and friendly wine farm. Casual wines and food amid cattle and corals, a welcome haven.



*Vintage Score best drinking*

### Rooster Sauvignon Blanc R

<b>2018:</b> very watery and very light style, steely and brisk, but fleeting.	<b>2018</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2018-2024</b>
<b>2019:</b> so pale, with green lemony nose, bright fresh feel and a citrus softer finish.	<b>2019</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2019-2025</b>

### Unwooded Chardonnay R

<b>2017:</b> fresh and zesty, with clean yellow fruits and good balance if rather brief.	<b>2017</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2017-2025</b>
<b>2018:</b> pale and watery, dry yellow fruits, quite bright and clean in a light and skimpy style.	<b>2018</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2019:</b> very little colour or nose, then bright fruit, feintly tropical, and very light styled and brief.	<b>2019</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2019-2026</b>

### Chardonnay R

<b>2011:</b> pale colour, overt tropical nose but lacking fruit ripeness and a touch lean.	<b>2011</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>
<b>2013:</b> pale gold and fruity, tropical flavours and lemony body. Gippy and a touch light.	<b>2013</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2013-2018</b>

**Rooster (was Hagelsberg) Rosé**

R

<b>2017:</b> dry and pale, with dusty red berry nuance and bitter cherry, simple and brief.	<b>2017</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
<b>2019:</b> pale pink, quite bold with strawberry sweet nose, dry juicy mouthfeel, honest and fun.	<b>2019</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2019-2025</b>
<b>2020:</b> pink tinged, with a sweet red fruit nose, very dry raspberry and strawberry tones, very light and brief.	<b>2020</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2020-2025</b>

**Rooster Merlot**

R

<b>2017:</b> deeply hued but only mid weight, nice dark fruits, honest and enjoyable.	<b>2017</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
<b>2018:</b> bright red cherry notes, just medium depth, forward, juicy and accessible, faint earth tones give it some weight.	<b>2018</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2019:</b> deeply toned and overtly perfumed, jammy and juicy with cherry and mocha, dry, soft and easy-going.	<b>2019</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2019-2027</b>

**Pinotage/Merlot**

RR

<b>2011:</b> mid depth, jammy fruit nose, spice and leather over black fruits, touch lean finish.	<b>2011</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2011-2016</b>
<b>2012:</b> black cherry with burnt spices, meaty and fruity if a touch bitter.	<b>2012</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2012-2018</b>
<b>2015:</b> dense, stewed plum over nicely weighted oak, seamless and great value.	<b>2015</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2015-2025</b>
<b>2016:</b> mint waft on the nose, then spicy muscular dark fruit, big and satisfying.	<b>2016</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2018:</b> glossy ruby hue, light feel with spicy dark berries, straightforward appeal and a softish finish.	<b>2018</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>
<b>2019:</b> very deep colour and forward wood and blue fruited nose, soft textured forest fruits, needs another year.	<b>2019</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>

## Free Run Pinotage

RR

<b>2010:</b> deep colour, shy nose of roasted plums and soft and savoury flavours. Nice tannin support.	<b>2010</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2010-2017</b>
<b>2012:</b> shy nose again, but up front style fruit, lots of plum and blackberry. Rather tightly knit.	<b>2012</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2012-2020</b>
<b>2017:</b> pongy nose, clearing to a more accessible version, with blue fruits, still youthfull and will improve.	<b>2017</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2018:</b> ruby depth, reserved nose, oak tannin spiciness, vibrant plum flavours, supple and staying light	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>

## Rooster Shiraz

R

<b>2016:</b> clean and fun with lush dark fruits, smooth and gluggable.	<b>2016</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2016-2024</b>
<b>2017:</b> deep ruby hue, shy nose, ripe and forward juicy fruit, straightforward but nice.	<b>2017</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2019:</b> sweet, juicy fruit nose, and sweet – nearly 7gm/l RS palate, with dark summer fruits, spice and pleasant finish.	<b>2019</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2019-2026</b>
<b>2020:</b> highly perfumed with damson berry juiciness, light and breezy and better chilled.	<b>2020</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2020-2027</b>

## Shiraz

RR

<b>2009:</b> pepper and leather nose then dry, dusty blackberries, seems intense but not overly sweet.	<b>2009</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2010-2018</b>
<b>2010:</b> sweet vanilla nose but fruit dominated palate, rich and deep, forward and quite powerful.	<b>2010</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2010-2022</b>
<b>2016:</b> overtly fruity, with juicy dark fruit, softish and balanced and attractive.	<b>2016</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2017:</b> very deep and with aromas of bramble fruits,	<b>2017</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>

spicy and earthy palate, chunky and rustic.

<b>2018:</b> intense berry and cedar dark nose, grippy tannins, just medium bodied, very dry and needing time to really show.	<b>2018</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>
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## Cabernet Sauvignon RR

<b>2010:</b> rich, crushed blackcurrants nose, than soft and juicy in the mouth, chewy bitter chocolate notes and finishing very dry.	<b>2010</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>
<b>2012:</b> laidback blue fruits overlaying wood, with a rustic, chewy texture. Quite masculine.	<b>2012</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2012-2022</b>
<b>2016:</b> deep hue and intense tight blueberry and cassis, needing time to unwind.	<b>2016</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2017:</b> shiny bright with a forward cassis and wood nose, very tight and full with herbs, currants and rustic smokiness.	<b>2017</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> opaque hue, shy nose then dark bramble fruit and earth, very dry tannins and a dusty feel.	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>

## Momberg RRR

	<b>2007</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2008-2016</b>
<b>2010:</b> opaque, shy nose but suggesting complexity, rich, full flavours of game, spice and black cherry. Will improve.	<b>2010</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2011-2019</b>
<b>2015:</b> sombre, deep and not revealing itself yet, with big rich layers to come, worth the wait.	<b>2015</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2016:</b> garnet/blue depth, shy nose, restrained herb and cedar blue fruit flavours, dry tannins, firm and compelling.	<b>2016</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2017:</b> inky depth, perfumed weighty nose, ripe fruit richness, dark berries, hedgerow and briar, quite sexy.	<b>2017</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>

