Morgenhof Wine Estate

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 $\label{thm:continuous} \mbox{ Ultra picture} \mbox{ que, with manicured gardens and perfect dining spot amongst classic architecture.}$

The wines are a real bargains and very good and staff are knowledgeable and unrushed.

Vintage Score best drinking

Brut Reserve MCC RRR

2006: light gold, fine mousse and yeasty	2006	86	2007-2017
nose. Not too dry with a fruity, focussed			
finish.			
2010: long aging yet less yeasty brioche,	2010	84	2010-2022
still fresh and crisp with subdued fruit.			

Sauvignon Blanc RR

2012: bursting zesty lemon and lime with	2012	88	2012-2019
good fruit depth, very enjoyable.			
2014: flinty, mineral mouthfeel and ripe	2014	87	2014-2021
tropical fruit notes overlaid.			
2017: mellow, green fruited version, hugely	2017	85	2017-2024
mineral and steely if slightly muted in			
briskness.			
2018: pale straw depth, hugely perfumed grapefruit	2018	89	2018-2027
nose, fruit salad, apricot and tactile crisp attack,			
very nice.			

Chenin Blanc RR

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2011: touch light and watery but fresh,	2011	88	2011-2017
tangy and full of pineapple, melon and			
other tropical flavours.			
2012: shy nose then mid weight fruit, with	2012	87	2012-2019
tangy bite and pleasant finish.			
2013: vanilla notes preceding a creamy	2013	85	2013-2022
mouthfeel but touch rough on finish.			
2014: shy nose, still young, light gold hue	2014	86	2014-2022
with gentle, textured fruit, very pleasant.			
2017: very pale and shy, with creamy			
tones over green apple, quite light.			

Chenin Blanc/Sauvignon Blanc R

2011: off dry style with taut acidity and refreshing	2011	76	2011-2017
though with little depth.			

Chardonnay R

	2008	92	2010-2017
2010: pale hue, green fruits and pears,	2010	84	2010-2017
refreshing lime flavours and clean, precise			
fruit.			
2015: creamy feel yet firm and green	2015	83	2015-2023
fruited flavour, hint of wood if lighter style.			
2016: deep straw hue, creamy lees richness,	2016	87	2016-2026
dried yellow fruits and savoury spice hint, full			
and forward.			

Fantail Pinotage Rosé R

2011: pale pink, strawberry notes and low	2011	80	2011-2015
alcohol, a touch bitter and drying finish.			
2016: bright and deep cherry pink, sweet	2016	79	2016-2021
nose, dryish and breezy.			
2017: pale copper pink, roses and Turkish delight,	2017	82	2017-2023
dry and firm but rather fleeting.			

Merlot R

	2006	90	2007-2017
2009: shy nose of spice and mocha. Touch	2011	86	2009-2017
lean palate of forest berry; better in 2 more years when tannins subside.			
2010: dark fruits and spicy plum in a dry,	2012	86	2010-2022
grippy tannic stew. Needs two more years.			
2011: showing some development, ripe,	2011	85	2011-2022
rich fruit with nice mouthfeel and lingering			
finish.			
2012: ultra soft entry, deep and fleshy,	2012	85	2012-2022
but finishing grippy with bitter plum notes.			
2013: deep garnet at age six, dark fruity nose, dusty	2013	87	2014-2024
dry soft depth, black lush fruits and bitter cherry with			
wood sinew.			

Merlot / Cabernet Franc

2008: overt cherry and menthol nose, bright	2008	84	2008-2016
raspberry fruit palate, juicy and appealing.			
2012: still with elegant and deep fruit, great	2012	88	2012-2023
balance and length, oak support and richness,			
very good.			
2013: very dry and with savoury textured bite,	2013	86	2014-2024
woody and grippy but showing enough fruit to			
be pleasant.			

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Fantail Pinotage R

2013: fruity, expressive and fun, with hints	2013	84	2013-2021
of game and blackcurrant if fleeting.			
2014: bold, juicy and like liquid lozenge,	2014	85	2014-2024
simple but enjoyable.			

2010: overt black cherry nose, round and	2010	86	2010-2018
mouthfilling with musky sweet fruit.			
2013: lovely perfumed nose, violets and lilac, juicy	2013	87	2014-2025
fruit forward yet revealing grippy tannins on the finish.			

Fantail Cabernet Franc / Cabernet Sauvignon R

2009: deep plum hue, sweet nose with some	2009	86	2007-2018
leafiness and leather, supple blackcurrant			
cordial flavours.			
2011: lead forward in quality, rich layered	2011	88	2011-2021
fruit with supple tannins and serious appeal.			

Cabernet Franc Vintage Selection R

2013: still youthfull and fruit driven with deep	2013	87	2014-2024
and juicy but balanced mouthfeel. Very good.			

Cabernet Sauvignon RR

	2004	88	2005-2014
2009: deeply coloured, supple cassis fruit with	2009	88	2010-2018
classic pencil lead hints. Still improving.			
2011: inky hue then smooth black fruits still	2011	90	2012-2022
with grippy tannins and long finish. Delicious.			
2012: seriously grippy and deeply hued, with	2012	88	2012-2023
plums and hedgerow fruits and dusty oak.			
2013: inky depth, lots of cedar and wood tannins,	2013	85	2014-2024
light and fruity for easy drinking.			
2014: deep ruby with a menthol hint, clean and	2014	87	2015-2025
vibrant with good acid lift and a sappy, dry finish.			

The Morgenhof Estate RRR

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2004	94	2006-2017
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2005: dense, succulent nose then mulberries	2005	91	2007-2019
and spice in a slinky, mouthwatering frenzy.			
2012: inky depth and closed revealing dry,	2012	89	2013-2023
classic elements, structured and long.			

Cape LBV RR

2003: lighter styled port, beautiful chilled and	2003	92	2005-2018
rich in raisony prunes and damsons.			
2004: less raisony, more dark plums, silky	2004	88	2005-2022
and full, seductive and moreish.			