

Morgenster Wine & Olive Estate

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Vintage Score best drinking

Cuvée Alessandra MCC

RRR

2016: rich fresh and spicy, with lees hint and dry red berry fruit. Very good.

2016 89 2016-2028

NU Sauvignon Blanc

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2014: starts crisp green fruited then softens to exotic tropical notes. Short finish.

2014 84 2014-2020

Sauvignon Blanc

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2018: intense gooseberry and classic citrus notes, opening to fresh tropical hints.

2018 88 2018-2026

2019: watery depth but big cut-grass nose, ripe citrus and tropical fruit nose, precise and layered and feeling rich and sumptuous.

2019 89 2019-2027

2020: very pale with faint ripe tropical fruits, steely hint and dry feel, finishing firm.

2020 87 2020-2027

2021: starts full and lush with greengage stone fruit and a hint of exotic flavours, but fades rapidly and finishes quite light.

2021 88 2021-2028

Vespri Vermentino

RR

2017: delicious chewy, yellow fruits with grit and attractive lingering palate.	2017	84	2017-2023
2019: lime tinged hugely characterful version, full of tangy dry stone fruits and herbs, aromatic and compelling. Delicious and a huge step up.	2019	92	2019-2028
2020: watery depth then bright and overt peach and summer fruit notes, fruity and viscous, mouthfilling but staying deft	2020	90	2020-2028

White Reserve Blend RRR

2015: lees rich, oily textured and with huge, lush perfumed peach notes, quite delicious.	2015	93	2015-2025
2016: rich and weighty on the nose then deliciously oily palate, smooth yellow fruited, mango and lime with texture and persistence.	2016	92	2016-2026
2018: straw tinge, heavy nose, lots of oatmeal and nuts with orange rich fruit and full texture, delicious.	2018	93	2029-2028

Caruso Sangiovese Rosé RR

	2009	80	2009-2013
2012: deep salmon and delicate strawberry nose, sweet at first, finishing dry. Simple but fun	2012	82	2012-2017
2017: starts dry but finishes sweeter, with bright, blue fruits, bold and fresh.	2017	84	2017-2024
2018: rich salmon hue, bursting with wild raspberry and candy floss fruit, dry, spicy and ripe.	2018	88	2018-2026
2020: bright strawberry fruited nose, lightish and dry with pleasant fresh red berry dusty grip.	2020	87	2020-2026

Merlot (was NU Merlot) RR

2012: light, easy style with cherry fruit and simple	2012	84	2012-2020
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fruit profile.		
2014: spicy dark fruits, rich and full, needing time to relax, will be very good.	2014 88	2015-2024
2015: dry and grippy, with mixed red and blue fruit notes, slightly rustic and one for winter. Tightly wound.	2015 87	2016-2026
2016: glossy pale garnet shine, red berry nose, chunky raspberry juicy fruit, very dry and pleasant.	2016 88	2017-2027
2018: red berry forward ripe fruit nose, notes of earth, cherry and classic Merlot tones, firm dry finish.	2018 88	2018-2028

Sangiovese

RR

2017: explosive bold blue fruits, quite mouthfilling, nice and easy drinking.	2017 85	2017-2026
2018: pale garnet, sweet fruit nose, just mid weight, dry but very ripe with raspberry grip, balanced and fine and needing Pizza.	2018 88	2019-2028
2020: glossy health, light feel, perfumed nose, fresh acid lift and red berried weight opening, quite compelling.	2020 90	2020-2029

Tosca

RRR

	2006 91	2008-2018
2009: big fruited, with brooding layers yet to expose, rustic and full bodied. Serious stuff.	2009 90	2010-2022
2010: showing balanced development with savoury bite and smooth, ripe flavours. Layoured and very good.	2010 92	2012-2023
2011: oak tannins, then silky smooth expression, with long and layered complexity.	2011 92	2013-2026
2012: dry wood sinew, leafy tobacco notes, ripe fruit layers, cassis and redcurrants, firm and classy and lingering, excellent.	2012 93	2013-2027
2013: overt and glossy at age six, rich and seamless, beautifully poised with tobacco, cherry and sappy herbs, smoky and deceptively powerful, so classy.	2013 93	2015-2028
2015: cherry garnet hue, soft and dry, with	2015 91	2016-2027

cedar and spice and structured hedgerow red berries.

Cabernet Franc

RR

2015: dry throughout, grippy and with dark berry fruit over oak, nice but brief.	2015	87	2015-2025
2016: red tones, serious nose, not green but savoury, lip-smacking tannins, smooth and firm and compelling.	2016	87	2017-2027
2018: deep garnet hue, dry winter red fruits, lean berries and hedgerow, finishing juicy and tactile, great value.	2018	88	2019-2028

Cabernet Sauvignon (was NU Cabernet Sauvignon)

RR

2012: crowd pleasing, gentle tannins, fruity attack and easy finish.	2012	84	2012-2021
2013: showing some age, lightish red fruits, with savoury short grip.	2013	85	2014-2023
2014: ruby depth with no fade at four years, silky curranty nose, dark and dense and opening in the mouth, very classy and quite fine.	2014	89	2016-2026
2016: mid –depth, with a dry but ripe fruited nose, lots of spicy plum, tangy but easy-going.	2016	87	2017-2026
2018: overt mixed fruit nose, herbaceous and dry with blue fruit hints, firm grip and lip-smacking freshness.	2018	88	2019-2028

Nabucco

RRRR

2009: beautifully hued, with subtle perfume and dry, savoury bite over classy fruit.	2009	92	2010-2022
2010: huge fruit impact, grippy acid and tannins yet already showing classy depth of flavours in a rustic style. Very impressive.	2010	93	2012-2025
2011: hint of oak burnt tannin on entry, chewy, dry, light cherry fruits.	2011	90	2012-2023

2012: some aging pale garnet, sinewy herb nose, slow to open then ripe, deep and sensuous fruits, profound, powerful and hedonistic, a great food match.	2012	91	2014-2027
2013: little fade at age seven, shy nose, deep garnet and though slightly less fruity, still full of grainy hedgerow fruit and tobacco.	2013	91	2014-2026
2015: pale and shy, restrained and classic with good acid balance and subtle power.	2015	91	2017-2028

Lourens River Valley

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2003: at 11 years old this was showing fruit attack and vibrant mouthfeel. Smooth and delicious, at 15	2003	92	2004-2020
	2004	91	2005-2018
2006: lovely brick aging hue, complex nose, dry and lean finish but still showing classy fruit. Perfect food wine.	2006	89	2007-2017
2008: released at age ten, with some rim fade, slightly leafy nose, good acid balance, intense fruit core, expressive and rich and finely balanced.	2008	91	2012-2024
2009: pale and sappy at age ten, with coriander and mixed briary herbs, faded sweet cherry notes but holding its fruit complexity, balanced and seamless.	2009	91	2011-2027
2010: nicely sappy and restrained at age ten, with balance, silky fruit and character, still with class and allure.	2010	91	2011-2025
2011: oak underpinning plush blue fruits and red berries, dry bite which will improve.	2011	90	2013-2025
2013: classically styled, with balanced wood and fruit layers, mint and cassis hint, mixed berry texture, finely crafted and harmonious, with typical restraint.	2013	93	2015-2028
2014: deep garnet, sweet fruit nose, vanilla and plum, open and plump and hedonistic.	2014	90	2015-2028
2015: mid garnet and though shy and serious this is delicately extracted, with big tangy mixed juicy fruits, precision and class.	2015	92	2017-2029

Morgenster Estate Reserve

RRRR

2001: stewed fruit nose, obvious aging but still exciting. Balanced, classy and replicates Bordeaux beautifully.	2001	92	2003-2018
2003: less obvious aging, shy nose, lean and tight but elegant and refined. Tasted at 15 years and lighter but still rich and classy.	2003	93	2005-2019
	2004	89	2006-2018
	2006	88	2008-2017
2008: released at age ten, now pale garnet, quiet and full of mixed winter berries, serious, compelling and long, a fine wine indeed.	2008	93	2010-2022
2009: still full coloured at age ten, and still clean fruited, dry blackcurrant, plum and cedar, grippy and sensuous, beautifully poised and very fine.	2009	93	2011-2028
2011: rich and silky, balanced with plummy Merlot and full mouthfeel. Excellent.	2011	94	2013-2026
2013: no fade at age seven, little tertiary development, lots of cedar and layered fruit nuances, rich, lingering and very classy.	2013	94	2015-2030
2014: deep ruby, sombre nose, clean fruit, textured, complex and cerebral. Excellent.	2014	93	2016-2029