

Muratie Wine Estate

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 WO; Stellenbosch / Western Cape / Coastal



Charming and atmospheric, casual and filled with barrels, art work and interesting nic nacs, a delight to visit.

Vintage Score best drinking

Lady Alice MCC

RRR

2010 ; crisp and fresh with opening richness in the mouth and finishing with vibrant fruit.	2010	90	2010-2017
2015 : very deep straw and overt yeasty nose, enjoyable yellow fruit nuance, long and classy.	2015	89	2015-2025

Melck's Sauvignon Blanc

RR

2011 : watery hue and light watery palate, zippy citrus summer quaffer.	2011	76	2011-2016
2017 : pale and very steely, with gentle green fruits, light and passing.	2017	84	2017-2024
2018 : looks pale and watery but delivers fresh, zesty citrus punch, finishes clean and lip-smacking.	2018	86	2018-2026
2020 : after a SO ₂ hit, bold tropical fruits come through, granadilla especially, easy and enjoyable with a flinty finish.	2020	87	2020-2027

Isabella Chardonnay

RRR

2008 ; rich, full bodied and buttery but with a lovely crispness that keeps it lively.	2008	92	2009-2018
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2010: change of style, more Chenin malic and texture, less Burgundy but equally delicious	2010	93	2011-2022
2011: bright fruit nose, touch of oak over tropical fruit, buttery and long, polished and rewarding.	2011	90	2011-2019
2012: textured, layered, pristine fruit and ripe mouthfeel, gorgeous and will settle nicely.	2012	94	2012-2025
2017: overt and fruit driven, long and finely tuned with oak nuance at the finish.	2017	89	2017-2027
2018: oaky nose over dried yellow fruits, orange peel and warm citrus, clean, precise and well-crafted.	2018	91	2018-2029

Laurens Camphor RR

2011: light gold, heady perfumed nose then soft and creamy pears and peach salad. Charming.	2011	89	2011-2017
2012: delicious mix of tropical fruit with Viognier influence, rich, layered and great fun.	2012	90	2012-2018
2017: clean and savoury with green apple and peach perfumed attack, quite classy.	2017	88	2017-2025
2018: pale tinted, reserved nose then muted yellow fruit and floral notes, nicely weighted and smooth.	2018	90	2019-2027

Johanna Rosé R

2017: pale pink, strawberry nose, perfumed and feeling sweet despite dry finish	2017	84	2017-2024
2020: slightly tinted with a fruity, almost confected nose but staying light and dry throughout.	2020	84	2020-2025

Melck's Blended Red RR

2010: bright cherry nose, jammy and spicy, crushed berry enjoyment to quaff.	2010	78	2010-2016
2014: juicy, big fruit, fun and with spicy hints. Dry, firm finish.	2014	84	2014-2024
2015: deeply hued, spicy blueberry and woodland fruit notes, bright acid balance keeping it fresh and charming.	2015	86	2016-2026
2017: forward and fruity, full of crushed berries and sweet oak support, smooth and satisfying.	2017	89	2018-2027

George Paul Canitz Pinot Noir RRR

	2007	85	2007-2017
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2010: deep, rich brooding style with spicy tones and muscular fruit for pinot. Serious and attention grabbing.	2010	89	2011-2019
2011: another heavyweight, with spicy oak and red berry notes, considerable depth and complexity.	2011	90	2012-2023
2015: superbly balanced, fine and long, with earthy sweet fruit and silky tannins.	2015	93	2016-2028
2016: deeply hued, rich and spicy with classic rustic bite, long and silky and with ripe fruit.	2016	90	2017-2029
2017: classic funky forest and strawberry hint nose, clean fruited silkiness, hint of Earl Grey, elegant and sophisticated	2017	92	2019-2029

Mr May Grenache RRR

2018: glossy depth then subtle yet powerful silky fruit nuances, soft tannins, ripe red berries, vivid and hedonistic.	2018	94	2020-2030
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Alberta Annemarie Merlot RR

	2005	91	2007-2015
2008: mid depth, ripe berry fruit and chocolate with a nice balance but lacking some complexity.	2008	85	2008-2016
2014: huge step up in class, big, layered fruit, fine tannins, length, terrific.	2014	90	2015-2026
2015: mid weight and depth, dark cherry fruited, easy and rather simple.	2015	84	2016-2026
2016: serious depths and chewy dry berry fruits, hearty if a touch brusque but finishing sleekly.	2016	88	2017-2027

Ansela van de Caab RRR

	2005	92	2008-2018
	2006	89	2008-2018
	2007	89	2009-2020
	2008	93	2009-2019
2009: sweet nose of blue fruits then sweet fruit and integrated tannins. Layered and finely crafted.	2009	90	2010-2020
2010: lovely ripe fruit nose, crisp and tight but will in time show elegance and balance.	2010	91	2012-2023
2015: restrained and elegant with character and supple blue fruits, very classy.	2015	91	2016-2026
2017: opaque depth and a heady, compelling nose, lots of blackcurrant and blackberry, mouthfilling, smooth and graceful, a winner.	2017	93	2019-2029

Cabernet Sauvignon RR

2008: cigar box and ripe cassis fruit in a classic but not shy manner; quite succulent.	2008	89	2009-2019
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Martin Melck Cabernet Sauvignon

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2013: bold, but still tight, with deep blue fruits and woody tannins, needs five years.	2013	89	2014-2025
2014: fruity attack with herb and oak savoury bite, balanced and food friendly.	2014	86	2015-2026
2015: dark core of mixed berries and cherry fruit, some blacker currants in an elegant, long and layered wine.	2015	91	2017-2029

Martin Melck Family Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

RRRR

2013: dusty, dark nose, cherry and blackcurrant, elegant, silky and very long. Excellent.	2013	92	2014-2028
2014: deep ruby, big and bold, tangy dark fruits, rich and layered, still firm and young, will improve.	2014	89	2016-2028
2016: very deep and luxurious, with chalky tannins, sumptuous fruit notes, layered and lingering, classy and compelling.	2016	93	2018-2029
2017: barrel sample shows dark fruit and vanilla hint with soft and rich fruit, spice and bramble, deep and powerful.	2017	90	2023-2033

Ronnie Melck Shiraz

RR

	2006	91	2008-2018
	2008	88	2009-2018
2009: quite shallow depth but real spicy fruit smoothness explodes on the palate. Needs 2/3 years to really sing. Fantastic.	2009	92	2011-2020
2014: Lush fruit attack, opening richly fruited, and finishing spicy and dry.	2014	90	2016-2026
2015: bright and fruit forward, dry oak tannins and dark hedgerow fruits.	2015	86	2015-2026
2016: deep ruby, bold New World nose, dark fruits with pepper dry bite, wood hint and mouth watering	2014	88	2015-2028

balance.

Ronnie Melck Family Select Shiraz RRRR

	2005	89	2006-2018
	2006	89	2008-2018
	2007	91	2008-2020
2008: meaty, leather and violets perfume, then velvety opulent fruit and fine tannins fills the mouth. Stunning and will improve.	2008	94	2010-2020
2009: red berry nose, rustic, gutsy mouthfeel with tannic grip and deep rich fruit.	2009	90	2011-2020
2010: touch green nose with brooding aromas then huge spicy berry attack of pristine fruit which lasts for ever.	2010	94	2013-2022
2013: overt, sweet fruit, pure and restrained, red and dark berry with floral hint, elegant, complex and delightful.	2013	93	2014-2026
2015: smoky plum and blackberry nose, grippy tannins, wood hint and intense, yet layered and elegant throughout. Needs time, will improve.	2015	91	2017-2028

Amber Forever RR

2009: classic grapey Muscadel but packed with quality fruit, texture, depth and silk. Muscadel on steroids.	2009	91	2009-2018
2015: touch spirit, needing time still, but showing clean apricot and honey hints, nicely balanced.	2015	88	2015-2024
2016: pale straw hue, rich and heady nose, tangy orange and sweet yellow fruits, perfumed and nicely fresh.	2016	87	2016-2025

Cape Ruby R

Opaque, spicy, fruitcake nose, dusty tannins support dense, luscious fruit. Rich, warm, totally satisfying, gives most Vintage a fright. Beautiful in every way.	NV	92	1-12 years
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Ben Prins Cape Vintage RRR

	2007	92	2007-2027
	2008	93	2010-2028
2009: rich, raisony but not heavy or overly sweet. Subtle yet powerful and delicious.	2009	92	2010-2029
2015: dusty mulberry nose, viscous and brooding, with beautiful fruit balance and length.	2015	92	2015-2029
2016: inky depth, sumptuous dried fruits, prunes, dates and walnut, very Christmas pudding-like, warm and bold and lovely.	2016	92	2017-2030
2017: black as night, smoky dusty dark fruits, plums and sweet mulberry, nicely balanced and oozing rich satisfaction.	2017	92	2019-2030

The Senator LBV RRRR

2011: released at age eight, with ruby red depth, serious dried date nose, soft and smooth and richly layered, velvet mouthfeel, warmth, so suave and compelling.	2011	94	2011-2030
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