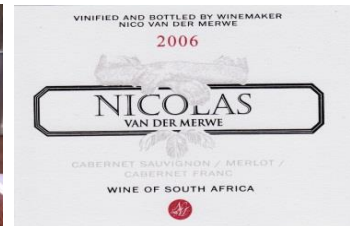


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A friendly and unpretentious welcome from Nico, enjoy his lovely Syrah and Mas Nicolas and enjoy wonderful views to the coast.

Vintage Score best drinking

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Effervescent and persistent fine mousse,
 deep gold hue, green apples and richness,
 almonds and ripe citrus. Full bodied, and layered.

NV 90 2-6 years

Five To Nine Sauvignon Blanc

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2017: tight and fresh with a lemony tang, nicely
 weighty and compelling and not overly zesty.

2017 87 2017-2025

2018: bone dry, gentle yellow stone fruited version,
 unctuous and competent but rather understated.

2018 86 2018-2026

Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon

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2011: hint of green, grass and nettles, zippy
 but with no edges and of mid weight.

2011 88 2011-2017

2013: nicely balanced freshness of sauvignon
 with the weight of Semillon, all kiwi and grapefruit.

2013 87 2013-2019

2015: deliciously tactile, the Semillon has added quince
 and lemon texture, with depth and some complexity.
 Seamless and balanced.

2015 90 2017-2026

2017: mid straw with tactile citrus, tangerine and
 yellow fruit texture, honeysuckle and white flower

2017 88 2018-2026

notes.

Robert Alexander Merlot

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2009: dense, dark spicy fruitcake nose, sour cherry and rustic dusty hedgerow. Will develop nicely.	2009	90	2010-2018
2017: cherry garnet shine, very bright and juicy, with clean easy feel, pleasant fruit and ripe finish.	2017	87	2017-2025
2018: piercing blueberry fruit intensity, vanilla sweetness and cocoa powder, smooth and generous and memorable.	2018	90	2019-2028

Robert Alexander Shiraz

RR

2008: intense, perfumed violets and prunes, smooth and poised full of spicy damsons.	2008	91	2010-2020
2018: overt nose, glossy forward fruit, bold and spicy, dark and blue berries with a silky, generous mouthfeel.	2018	89	2018-2027
2019: competent and effective, with all the fruit elements and spice expected, if unremarkable in character.	2019	88	2020-2028

Cape Elements

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2009: opaque, smoky purple with leafy spice nose. Big and bold but silky blue fruits.	2009	91	2010-2019
2015: mid depth and very pretty nose then plums, blueberries and spice hint in a nimble, classy and seductive style, very good indeed and tremendous value.	2015	92	2017-2026
2019: just mid weight and with reserved, classy berry fruits, ripe and succulent but not showy, very nice.	2019	90	2020-2028

Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot/Cabernet Franc

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2006: inky hue, vibrant lush black fruits and subtle wood. Substantial yet elegant and terrific value.	2006	93	2008-2022
2017: fine and clean red berry fruits, vibrant yet smooth and multi-layered, revealing more complexity and length.	2017	90	2018-2028

Syrah

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2006: black ink, brooding serious nose, immense ripe fruit yet seamless and discretely powerful, will improve and excel.	2006	93	2008-2022
2017: opaque plum hue, overt lavender and violets nose – delightfully perfumed – silky and elegant yet powerful, one for Côte Rôtie fans.	2017	93	2018-2028

Mas Nicolas

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2006: subtle but alluring nose, lovely balance of ripe low yield fruit and quality oak, velvety, lush damsons and plums. Unwinds slowly . Stellar	2006	95	2009-2022
2013: dusty graphite wood notes and dark spice bite on an intense and generous wine, bold, layered and seamless.	2013	92	2015-2027
2015: inky deep, bold tertiary notes, some game, stewed raisin and bramble fruits, big, very ripe and opulent, certainly not shy.	2015	93	2017-2028