

Oldenburg Vineyards

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WO: Stellenbosch

You need a 4x4 to enjoy this estate, the stone lane is a test, the setting is bucolic and wines are worth the trek.



Vintage Score best drinking

<CL° White RR

2019: pale hue, crunchy green apple and citrus note bite, vibrant and clean if brief.

2019 87 2019-2025

Chenin Blanc RR

2012: beautifully balanced with ripe, green fruits and subtle backbone, long and satisfying.

2012 88 2012-2022

2015: tropical notes, especially granadilla and green apple, crunchy and tight if brief.

2015 85 2015-2025

2017: fresh and tactile quince and overripe orange flavours, crisply bright.

2017 86 2017-2026

2018: expressively textured with chunky character, orange, peach and apple notes, with lots going on.

2018 89 2019-2028

2019: medium bodied, with bright orange fruit nose, textured floral pear notes, delicate and pleasant if straightforward.

2019 87 2019-2028

Chardonnay RR

2014: still young and tight at age five, with crisp yellow fruits, a lighter touch and pleasant, linear finish.

2014 87 2015-2022

2015: pale straw, shy nose, fullish with

2015 86 2015-2025

clean citrus tangy fruit, quite lively.

2017: wood tannins and mid weighted yellow fruit forward style, finishing nicely fresh	2017 86 2017-2026
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Viognier RRR

2016: oily, perfumed nose, viscous mouthfeel of peach and fig, richly tropical if straightforward.	2016 86 2016-2025
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2017: pale depth, shy nose, dry mouthfeel with fresh pear-drop notes.	2017 86 2017-2026
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2019: clean and fresh fruit forward nose, lots of peach and jasmine notes, medium bodied and balanced if it doesn't linger.	2019 87 2020-2027
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<CL ° Red RR

2018: hint of dark chocolate, bitumen, spice and liquorice on a juicy, sweet-shop candied red, a crowd pleaser.	2018 89 2019-2027
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2019: medium weighted and hued, with tangy mixed fruit punch, some spice, clean and bold.	2019 88 2019-2028
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Grenache RRR

2017: pale and glossy, dry herb and strawberry with bitter cherry, restrained and elegant.	2017 86 2017-2027
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2018: a standout wine, bright and juicy yet with structure and depth, so clean and ripe, silky smooth and irresistible.	2018 92 2019-2029
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2019: another winning version, shiny health, bright strawberry nose, elegant and balanced ripe fruit, classy and compelling.	2019 92 2020-2030
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Merlot RRR

2014: simple, juicy fruits, bitter berry and rustic, a touch hot.	2014	87	2014-2024
2016: mid depth and weight, savoury raspberry and herbs, rich and brooding and a forward style, but with distinction.	2016	90	2017-2028
2017: stewed fruit nose then leaner, red berry and mixed herb palate, some leafy forest note and very dry finish.	2017	88	2018-2027

Cabernet Franc

RRR

2013: slightly oxidising at age six, but holding lean, leafy fruit with some poise and depth, more restrained than expected.	2013	88	2014-2022
2014: sweet, ripe nose, dusty plums, full and intense, all crushed red berries and autumn compote.	2014	93	2015-2027
2015: mid depth and body, leaner red berry style, not green and with some finesse.	2015	89	2016-2026
2016: vanilla and raspberry coulis perfumed, silky and elegant with overt, pristine and focussed fruit. Excellent.	2016	92	2018-2028
2017: barely medium bodied, wood vanilla with sweet berry fruit and dusty tannin dryness, chewy and ageworthy.	2017	91	2019-2028

Cabernet Sauvignon

RRR

2013: mid depth, serious and grippy, opening to a smoother, red fruit and thyme complex gem.	2013	91	2014-2027
2015: sweetly fruited, lots of supple cassis flavours, clean and forthright.	2015	88	2016-2026
2016: wood on the nose, then classic cassis and forest notes, thyme, herbs, earth and enough smooth fruit to balance.	2016	90	2017-2028

2017: dry and savoury but bright and fresh with layered blackcurrant fruit and pleasant finish. Barrel sample shows promise and score will improve.

2017 89 2020-2030

Rhodium

RRR

2013: some brick showing, with tertiary nose, but still packed with silky cassis and mint dark fruits, elegant and classy.

2013 92 2014-2027

2015: very deep and focussed, with Old World restraint and acid balance, rich and classy and a slow burner.

2015 91 2017-2029

2016: lighter style, sour cherry and herb notes, some leafy raspberry with balanced oak, fresh and nimble, finishing dry.

2016 91 2018-2030

Syrah

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2011: smooth, lush and dark fruited. Kindly and mouthfilling with nicely balanced oak.

2011 88 2012-2022

2014: deep garnet, shy nose, savoury, spicy dark fruit, muscular and firm.

2014 87 2014-2025

2015: not too peppery, with dark plum notes and generous ripe fruit. Very nice.

2015 88 2016-2027

2016: deep ruby gloss, serious nose, spice and white pepper, lush grippy dry dark fruit, finishing deftly.

2016 89 2017-2028

2017: glossy shine with a spicy, vanilla nose, supple blue and black fruits and dry wood finish.

2017 90 2018-2029

Stone Axe Syrah

RRR

2016: ruby hue, rich cassis and mulberry softness, silky and sexy and full of comfort.

2016 92 2018-2030

2017: smoky, slightly murky nose, opening slowly to

2017 93 2019-2031

smooth dark fruited intensity, lush blackberries and good length. Hedonistic and still young.

2018: opaque depths, perfumed violet and lavender nose, ripe fruit core, sumptuous and long yet not heavy.	2018	93	2019-2030
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2015: serious and compelling, deeply hued, perfumed and with hidden oak and ripe tannins, very classy.	2015	92	2017-2030
2016: fruit forward with vibrant blue tones, currants and clean precision, long and not overdone, but elegant and very fine.	2016	92	2018-2030