

Overgaauw Wine Estate

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WO; Stellenbosch

Oak floors in the tasting room of an unspoilt Cape Dutch building, a relaxed and friendly tasting where the stars are the fortifieds with often older vintages available.



Vintage Score best drinking

Sauvignon Blanc R

2011: very pale, not herbaceous style but lots of zippy tropical fruit with green fig.	2011	83	2011-2017
2015: very pale with light and breezy green fruit notes, short but fresh.	2015	82	2015-2022
2017: ripe and fleshy green citrus, full and textured and with satisfying complexity	2017	87	2017-2026

Abraham Sauvignon Blanc RR

2018: freshly cut peach and white blossoms, mellow acidity and delicate but charming nuances, not very Sauvignon like, but delicious.	2018	90	2018-2026
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Chenin Blanc R

	2008	80	2008-2015
2011: pale hue, green apple nose, tangy vibrant simple fruit.	2011	81	2012-2017

Sylvaner R

2012: delicate green apple and floral hints in an off-dry style. Interesting and summer ready.	2012	84	2012-2017
2016: weighty for the varietal, with spicy floral notes, fun and winsome.	2016	86	2016-2025

Semillon R

2008: pale lime and then juicy lime palate. Mineral, grapefruit and wax and still too young.	2008	83	2008-2019
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Chardonnay R

	2007	88	2007-2015
2011: pale colour, creamy, leesy nose then fresh tropical fruit. Very enjoyable.	2011	83	2011-2017
2012: pale again despite oak, medium weight and long, creamy finish with tropical notes.	2012	88	2012-2019

Shepherd's Cottage Chenin Blanc/Chardonnay R

2011: watery hue, crisp, fruit salad nose and a dry, simple finish.	2011	78	2011-2015
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Shepherd's Cottage Rosé R

2009: pale salmon, dusty red fruits and strawberries burst in the mouth.	2009	82	2009-2015
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Shepherd's Cottage Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot R

	2010	84	2010-2016
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2011: mid depth, dark fruit and spice nose
then cassis and leather flavours. Very
accessible.

2011 85 2011-2017

2014: bold and fruity, with bright mixed fruit
notes if lacking some depth.

2014 82 2014-2021

Merlot

RR

2005 88 2005-2012

2010: sweet cherry nose then charry mocha
fruit flavours. Needs 2/3 years more.

2010 85 2011-2017

2013: soft and easy-going with herbs and
savory gamey notes, very accessible.

2013 83 2013-2022

2015: opens slowly to show dusty tannins
and ripe plum notes. Easy-going and full.

2015 86 2015-2025

2016: quite deep, with dark cherry fruit, lots of mint
and black fruits supported by wood.

2016 88 2016-2027

2017: dark hue, serious nose then rustic black
berry fruits and earthy note, good structure and grip.

2017 86 2018-2028

Touriga Nacional/Cabernet Sauvignon RR

2010: opaque, mint and liquorice notes then
a rustic palate of game and spice in a big
fruit style.

2010 86 2011-2018

Cabernet Sauvignon

RR

2003: tasted at age 18 and showing tomato leaf,
old leather but still lots of lush and ultra silky fruit,
classy and distinctive.

2003 91 2005-2022

2005 90 2007-2018

2010: mid depth, shy nose then lush dusty
cassis fruit with a savory bite finish. A
touch lean at present.

2010 85 2011-2019

2012: shy nose, mid depth, still feeling

2012 85 2012-2022

tightly knit and grippy dry with clean blue fruit.

Touriga Nacional R

2012: deep plum colour and aromas with raspberry fruit acid and grippy mulberry bite.	2012	89	2012-2019
2015: dark, spicy fruit, big and juicy with some porty, bramble notes. Rich and perfect for winter.	2015	90	2017-2027

Tria Corda RRR

	2005	92	2008-2017
2009: black ink hue, vanilla and sweet black fruit nose then bitter chocolate, cloves and all in a long, elegant manner.	2009	93	2011-2019
2012: balanced and elegant, with slowly opening ripe fruit and extract, will improve.	2012	88	2012-2023
2014: firm, with savoury herbal notes, crisp acidity and fine tannins. Needs time, will improve.	2014	86	2014-2026

Cape Vintage RRR

	1993	94	2003-2025
	1994	92	2000-2020
	1996	93	2005-2026
1997: opaque, sweet overt nose, prunes, dried raisons and rooibos tea. Still youthful and showing glorious harmony. Dark, sweet but not cloying and long; delicious.	1997	90	2000-2020
1998: still deeply hued, smooth and mouth-filling, with lush plum and blackberry, retaining its structure, impossible to ignore, delicious.	1998	92	2004-2022