

## Raats Family Wines

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Recent Platter's success has renewed the acclaim for Bruwer's Chenin and Cabernet Franc, his small tasting room bar is becoming very busy as his humble, single-minded approach is producing benchmark iconic wines.

*Vintage Score best drinking*

### BVintners Muscat de Alexandria RR

**2018:** precisely perfumed with classic Muscat

**2018 90 2018-2026**

notes, nicely viscous and refreshingly dry, balanced, charming and not without character.

### BVintners Haarlem to Hope RR

**2016:** delicious unusual mix, with plush

**2016 90 2016-2026**

depth and perfumed brightness, very good indeed.

**2017:** nicely weighted, almost oily textured,

**2017 87 2017-2027**

with crisp yellow fruits, quite round finish.

### BVintners Fire Heath Chardonnay RRR

**2016:** lemon tinged, oak notes then light and zesty

**2016 88 2017-2016**

orange and lemon stone fruit flavours, clean and uncomplicated.

### BVintners Lone Wolf Cinsault RRR

<b>2019:</b> rich and possessive, with deep aromas and hint of earth, showing fine fruit profiles, silky tannins and real class.	<b>2019</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2020-2030</b>
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**BVintners Pinot Noir** RRR

<b>2016:</b> pale purple depth, serious perfumed nose then rich and supple fruit, layered and smooth, with great acid balance maintaining elegance. Delicious.	<b>2016</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2017-2029</b>
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**BVintners Liberte Pinotage** RR

<b>2016:</b> smooth, warming yet light and reflecting Pinot Noir deliciously.	<b>2016</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
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<b>2017:</b> mid depth, gentle nose over clean, fresh and juicy dark fruits, quite supple already.	<b>2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
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**Original Chenin Blanc** RR

	<b>2009</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2009-2015</b>
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<b>2011:</b> apples, lemon, wax and citrus with crisp acidity suggest the wine will improve. Lovely example of honest Chenin.	<b>2011</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>
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<b>2012:</b> almost shy and unassuming, but with quality fruit which will reveal usual class.	<b>2012</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2012-2020</b>
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<b>2013:</b> still tight and young, with firm green apple notes needing to unwind. Good minerality.	<b>2013</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>
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<b>2014:</b> needs time to open but showing fresh, clean fruit and typical elegance	<b>2014</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2014-2025</b>
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<b>2016:</b> intriguing nose of fresh yellow fruits, full texture and tangy with bright forward expression, yet to show complexity, will improve.	<b>2016</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2017-2028</b>
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<b>2017:</b> firm and bright yet, with clean fruit palate, needing time.	<b>2017</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2017-2028</b>
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<b>2018:</b> reserved and almost shy, with dry mineral	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>
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tones, precise and quite fine, needing time.

<b>2019:</b> green apple and a squeeze of lemon in a tight and precious linear wine, hinting at dry minerality and layers yet to show.	<b>2019</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2021-2029</b>
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<b>2020:</b> slate, wet pebbles and earth with a mild green citrus edge, austere in youth and needing time to shine.	<b>2020</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2022-2030</b>
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## Chenin Blanc (Old Vine)

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	<b>2008</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2008-2012</b>
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<b>2009:</b> pale lime, tangy nose then citrus and marmalade flavours. Ripe fruit, suggests will evolve into something special.	<b>2009</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2009-2019</b>
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<b>2010:</b> intense marzipan and dried fruit nose, crunchy apple palate with weight and length.	<b>2010</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2010-2020</b>
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<b>2012:</b> Vouvray-like honeyed nose, rich fruit attack and poised promise of a long life. Delicious.	<b>2012</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2012-2020</b>
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<b>2013:</b> consistently balanced between rich, tangy fruit and invisible oak and delicacy.	<b>2013</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2013-2022</b>
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<b>2016:</b> lush and mouthfilling, with layers of quince and honey, delicious.	<b>2016</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2016-2028</b>
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<b>2017:</b> at the other end to the 'Original', with lush rich fruits, dense, layered and full bodied, yet never blowsy.	<b>2017</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2017-2029</b>
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## Eden HD Chenin Blanc

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<b>2016:</b> not overblown, but controlled and focussed, with sensual fruit and structure, quite superb. Complex and long.	<b>2016</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2017-2029</b>
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<b>2018:</b> again, an exercise in balance, precision and restraint, such purity and focus of jasmine, orange and summer flowers, grainy and compelling and yet to really show. Will improve.	<b>2018</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2020-2030</b>
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## Original Red (Red Jasper) RRR

<b>2009:</b> red berry nose with touch of greenness, dark, spicy fruit palate with firm tannins needing 2/3 more years to settle.	<b>2009</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2009-2013</b>
<b>2012:</b> clean, richly fruited and with spicy dark fruit hints.	<b>2012</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2012-2020</b>
<b>2013:</b> deep and serious with dry tannins, red and blue notes and promise of improvement.	<b>2013</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>
<b>2016:</b> accessible in youth, supple and enticing yet with layered deep mixed fruit in a serious smooth style.	<b>2016</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2016-2027</b>
<b>2017:</b> ruby-black depth with a rustic, bold nose and spicy wild fruit note. Firmer than the '16, with stout fleshy mouthfeel.	<b>2017</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>

## Dolomite Cabernet Franc

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	<b>2001</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2003-2018</b>
	<b>2002</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2004-2017</b>
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	<b>2008</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2009-2018</b>
<b>2009:</b> a serious wine with pure red fruit over silky tannins. The fruit broods and reveals itself gradually, just a baby.	<b>2009</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2011-2020</b>
<b>2010:</b> still too young, deep hue, musty nose with layered fruit still to show.	<b>2010</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2012-2022</b>
<b>2011:</b> shy nose then firm but fleshy open palate and good length. Will improve.	<b>2011</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>
<b>2012:</b> intense, red berry fruits and upfront ripe attack, hugely scented and accessible.	<b>2012</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2014-2020</b>
<b>2014:</b> tightly wound and needing time, with spicy raspberry fruit, edgy bite and quality oak.	<b>2014</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2015-2022</b>
<b>2015:</b> lavender perfumed nose, cherry forest red	<b>2015</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2017-2028</b>

fruits, fleshy and spicy and juicy throughout –  
and not a hint of greenness.

**2016:** no greenness on nose, just ripe dark berry and  
raspberry red fruits, clean and sumptuous. **2016 90 2017-2029**

**2017:** taut and firm, becoming softer after opening,  
with raspberry, redcurrant and cherry notes and  
earth rustic tones, cerebral if muscular. **2017 90 2019-2029**

## Family Cabernet Franc RRRR

**2007:** at age 11 showing some tertiary leather on tea  
leaf and sweet red berry fruit. Still balanced, fulsome  
and long, with good acidity and richness. **2007 88 2008-2020**

**2010:** deep, black fruited and immense yet  
smooth and silky and incredibly persistent. **2010 92 2011-2022**

**2012:** burnt cherry and herbs, deeply  
fruited and serious, with tannic grip as yet.  
Will improve. **2012 89 2014-2023**

**2015:** rich and silky, so accessible, with less  
green note and more deep berry tones. **2015 91 2017-2027**

**2016:** cherry bright hue, fruity and youthful, with  
grip and structure and slowly opening layers of  
classy fruit. Will improve. **2016 89 2018-2028**

## Eden HD Cabernet Franc RRRR

**2015:** deeply fruited, not herbaceous, textured,  
smooth and complex. Mineral backbone,  
sumptuous fruit and forest nuances,  
intriguing and compelling. **2015 94 2017-2030**

## MR de Compostella RRRR

**2007 90 2010-2020**

**2009:** deep hue, complex nose of forest,  
berries and spice. Rich, full and lingering,  
the tannins are silky and the finish ripe and long. **2009 93 2012-2021**

**2016:** dark and brooding, dark fruited nose then layered compelling bramble fruit palate. Rich, complex and silky, very good indeed.

**2016 94 2018-2030**