

Raats Family Wines

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WO; Stellenbosch / Coastal



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

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

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

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

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

2019: green apple and a squeeze of lemon in a tight and precious linear wine, hinting at dry minerality and layers yet to show.	2019	88	2021-2029
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Chenin Blanc (Old Vine)

RRR

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

RRRR

2016: not overblown, but controlled and focussed, with sensual fruit and structure, quite superb. Complex and long.	2016	93	2017-2029
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2018: 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.	2018	93	2020-2030
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Original Red (Red Jasper)

RRR

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

Dolomite Cabernet Franc

RRR

	2001	88	2003-2018
	2002	87	2004-2017
	2003	93	2005-2020
	2004	94	2006-2020
	2005	91	2007-2021
	2006	90	2008-2020
	2007	91	2008-2018
	2008	91	2009-2018
2009: a serious wine with pure red fruit over silky tannins. The fruit broods and reveals itself gradually, just a baby.	2009	92	2011-2020
2010: still too young, deep hue, musty nose with layered fruit still to show.	2010	90	2012-2022
2011: shy nose then firm but fleshy open palate and good length. Will improve.	2011	88	2013-2020
2012: intense, red berry fruits and upfront ripe attack, hugely scented and accessible.	2012	88	2014-2020
2014: tightly wound and needing time, with spicy raspberry fruit, edgy bite and quality oak.	2014	87	2015-2022
2015: lavender perfumed nose, cherry forest red fruits, fleshy and spicy and juicy throughout – and not a hint of greenness.	2015	90	2017-2028
2016: no greenness on nose, just ripe dark berry and	2016	90	2017-2029

raspberry red fruits, clean and sumptuous.

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