

Rainbow's End Wine Estate

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WO; Stellenbosch



Vintage Score best drinking

Chenin Blanc R

2016: mid weight, very crisp with citrus and apple green fruits in an approachable, easy style.

2016 86 2016-2025

2020: beautifully scented white blossoms, honeysuckle and peach, viscous pear-skin feel, enough citrus bite and sensational value.

2020 91 2020-2028

Rosé R

2016: onion skin hue, floral and very dry, accessible and rather brief.

2016 84 2016-2024

2019: pale pink, with a shy, quite heavy nose, candied wild red berry notes, initially sweet then opening dry, a touch confected.

2019 84 2019-2025

Merlot RR

2016: very deep and feeling full bodied yet remaining delicately fruited with cooked strawberries and plum.

2016 88 2016-2026

2018: inky, again, with a weighty, earthy dark fruit core, lots of robust bitter cherry and damson, lively and with tannic grip.

2018 89 2019-2028

Mystical Corner Red R

2016: mixed berry fruit in an easy-going, juicy and very pleasant style. Great value.	2016	87	2016-2025
2018: Carbonic penetration of bright red fruits, rather brusque and unforgiving, with juicy boldness, lithe and assertive.	2018	84	2018-2026
2020: overtly fruity and juicy, with mixed red berries, enough structure for a youthful, satisfying and supple wine.	2020	86	2020-2027
2021: bright acidity and backbone on this red currant and cherry fruity wine, managing a smooth mouthfeel with some ruggedness.	2021	87	2021-2028

Cabernet Franc

RRR

2016: deep ruby hue, serious and spicy red berries, perfumed and stylish.	2016	89	2016-2026
2018: glossy ruby and bright redcurrant nose and palate, acid lift, cherry and wood layers, very nice.	2018	91	2019-2028

Limited Release Cabernet Franc

RRR

2016: depth and dry pomegranate notes, mixed forest fruit, wood and restrained, classy impact.	2016	92	2017-2027
2017: opaque and feeling rustic and smoky, animal notes briar and raspberry, intense and compelling.	2017	90	2018-2028
2019: clean menthol nose, intense and with a rich, almost heady fruit core, silky smooth and generous.	2019	91	2020-2030

Family Reserve Bordeaux Blend

RRRR

2015: opaque depth. Immense fruit concentration, mulberry and plum, not overly spicy, long and complex.	2015	93	2017-2029
2018: fresh and nimble, with dark blue fruit and hint of cedar, baking spice and underbrush, finishing firm and	2018	92	2019-2029

warm.

Cabernet Sauvignon RR

2016: ruby tint serious nose, firm blackcurrant and herb notes with good wood support and very dry.	2016	88	2017-2027
2018: forward and vibrant red berry fruitiness, some earth notes and tannic grip but smooth and ripe throughout.	2018	90	2019-2029

Shiraz RR

2016: Côte Rôtie style, with perfume and classic silky lines, easy and full and delicious.	2016	88	2016-2026
2018: full and comforting, a ripe plum heady perfumed vintage, soft and plump with a fine fruit core and alluring flavours.	2018	91	2019-2029
