Remhoogte Wine Estate

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Lovely new tasting building with superb and relaxing views from the deck. Wines are sadly unheralded despite their quality and the staff are great fun and so friendly.

Vintage Score best drinking

First Light Chenin Blanc R

	2010	75	2010-2015
2011: very pale, green apples and lime, lighter	2011	80	2011-2016
style, grippy acidity, tropical hints.			
2012: watery but forceful nose and grippy	2012	83	2012-2018
chewy lime and green apple notes.			
Enjoyable and clean.			
2017: very pale yet richer nose, crisp and	2017	84	2017-2023
green fruited, light but zippy.			
2018: pale depth then explosive pristine fruit,	2018	90	2019-2028
orange peel and quince, fresh and clean and			
textured, very good, indeed.			
2019: lighter style, with easy green fruits and	2019	87	2019-2028
mandarin hint, friendly and very likeable.			
2020: straw tinge, tangy ripe oranges and stone	2020	89	2020-2028
fruits, textured and with good weight.			

Chenin Blanc Honeybunch RRR

	2010	92	2012-2020
2011: pale gold, oaky notes, fuller bodied, rich	2011	90	2012-2020
phenolics,nutty, savoury and quite delicious.			
2012: concentrated, rich and layered with lots	2012	88	2012-2021
of green apple and quince notes.			

2017: fruit attack, with full expression and	2017	88	2017-2025
some weight, lime and yellow fruit complexity.			
Needs time.			
2018: straw depth, perfumed attractive nose,	2018	92	2019-2029
lemon and honey tones, rich vibrant and delicious.			
2019: glossy hued with a rich and layered nose then	2019	92	2020-2030
precise and complex honey and orange palate,			
deceptively classy.			
2020: piercing fruit precision, beautiful yellow jasmine	2020	93	2021-2030
and honeysuckle notes, so clean, appealing and			
succulent.			

Free to Be Orange Wine Chenin Blanc RRR

2018: sinewy textured and savoury, quite fine and	2018	91	2019-2029
precise, with dry stone fruit, orange peel and guava,			
opening to a nicely oily peach toned finish.			
2020: copper hued with fresh stone fruit and peel	2020	90	2020-2029
notes, not over extracted but clean and refreshing.			

Free to Be Riesling RRR

2019: gentle fruity aromas, white flowers, honeysuckle,	2019	91	2020-2029
then mid weighted exotic fruit palate, lovely and			
compelling.			
2020: complex floral nose then precise and focussed	2020	93	2021-2030
lemon and passion fruit flavours, rich yet elegant, delicious.			

Soaring Eagle (was Aigle Noir)

2009: deep coloured, subdued nose with	2009	84	2010-2016
dark berry fruits on the palate. Light cherry			
finish with 'bite'.			
2011: more substance and showing a	2011	88	2012-2018
myriad of flavours with black fruits leading.			
2012: red berry nose with leather and herb,	2012	87	2012-2019

Chronicle Cape Blend RR

2015: mixed forest fruit, soft, smooth and	2015	86	2016-2026
spicy like squashed mulberries			
2016: rich purple hue, full sweet nose with wood	2016	90	2018-2028
notes, dark mulberry fruit, dusty tannins and lush			
comfort			
2017: overt nose of forest fruits and underbrush,	2017	90	2019-2029
grippy and young still, but with a full fruit finish,			
very enjoyable.			

Aspect Merlot RR

2014: deep, herbal and dusty, tangy with a	2014	84	2014-2024
soft finish.			
2015: dark and full, still tight in youth, rich plums	2015	87	2017-2027
and serious fruit, needing time.			
2016: bold and fruity nose, cherry bright punch,	2016	87	2017-2027
some mocha but not unpleasantly, juicy yet with			
tannic backbone.			

Merlot RR

2009: deep coloured, sweet nose of forest fruits.	2009	90	2010-2019
Rich, layered and will improve.			

Merlot Reserve RRR

2007: liquid ink, musty nose with violets	2007	95	2010-2020
and spice. Deep, complex and long. P			
omerol like and exquisite.			

Pinotage (BV)

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2010: expressive nose, sweet, minty fruit,	2010	88	2010-2018
light and juicy with ripe fruit.			
2012: silky dark bramble fruits, mid weight,	2012	88	2012-2022
smooth finish not showing obvious pinotage			
character.			

Vantage Pinotage RR

2016: deep purple sweet ripeness with	2016	85	2017-2026
vanilla and plums and spice, plump but			
short.			
2017: forward ripe fruit over grippy tannins, full	2017	89	2019-2027
bodied with deep plum nuances, will improve in time.			
2018: deeply toned with a fresh feel and accessible	2018	89	2019-2028
blue fruits and hint of spice, very friendly.			

Free to Be Cabernet Sauvignon/Cinsault RRR

2019: attractive mauve depth, fruity forward nose	2019	89	2019-2028
and then very fruity and juicy palate, easy and with			
no edges.			

Cabernet Sauvignon RRR

	2008	88	2008-2013
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2015: inky and still closed, hiding dark	2015	85	2016-2025
blackcurrant richness to come, should			
be good.			
2016: overt and dry, then silky lush fruit oozes,	2016	92	2018-2028
plums and mulberries, quite delicious.			
2017: very deep and grippy, with lip-smacking	2017	91	2020-2030
dark fruits, cassis and oak, needs 3 years but			
lovely throughout.			
2018: again, intensely hued with rich dark currant	2018	90	2020-2030

layers, cerebral, serious and hearty and still to show
its best.

Free to Be Syrah/Petit Syrah RR

2018: Carbonic freshness and juicy vitality, fruit	2018	87	2018-2027
forward and with vibrancy yet a softish, fulsome			
mouthfeel.			

Shiraz (was Valentino) RRR

2009: opaque, quiet nose, spicy, savoury fruit	2009	85	2010-2018
with supporting tannins. Nice richness. 2010: spicy rich, dark fruit with tannins in	2010	90	2012-2020
Balance and a subtle but effective punch.			
2016: warming and soft, full bodied and	<mark>2015</mark>	89	2016-2026
lush, layered and long, will improve.			

Syrah RRR

2016: deep purple, violets and blackberries, spice	2016	93	2018-2029
and mint, layered and elegant. Wonderful.			
2017: inky depth, rich lush fruit, mouthfilling	2017	92	2020-2030
ripeness, smooth and long and staying vibrant			
and elegant, really very good.			

Estate RR

2007: lighter style with meaty notes and	2007	85	2007-2017
tobacco. Touch green but nicely structured.			

Sir Thomas Cullinan RRR

2014: quite Old World in structure and restraint,	2014	89	2016-2026

with fine tannins, grippy cinnamon cassis fruit			
and length. Still young.			
2015: opaque ruby depth, deep and serious nose,	2015	92	2017-2028
classic cedar hints, rustic dry fruits, mulberry, plum			
and dark berry, dense and distinguished. Still improving.			
2016: mid depth and weight, sinewy oak tannins then	2016	90	2018-2029
heady dark fruit with a hint of ageing, some leafy			
textured structure.			

Free to Be Vine Dried Riesling

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2020: copper gold shine, dried fruit candied nose then textured orange rind notes, finishing drier than on entry. Lovely balance.

2020 90 2020-2030

