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Long drive to the tasting room and rather rustic and impersonal area, but wines are reliably good.

Vintage Score best drinking

MCC Brut Vintage

RRR

2008: lots of mousse and light yeasty nose

then an explosion of fizz in the mouth.

Citrus and orange lift but touch short and light.

2008 84 2008-2018

2012: deep straw hue, fine mousse after 4 years on

lees, bready aromas, generous and rich with tangy

crisp notes opening to soft lush finish.

2012 89 2012-2025

MCC Brut

RRR

Lacks the yeasty depth of their previous

vintage, but still with firm fresh fruit.

NV 85 1-6 years

Grand Vin Blanc

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NV: fresh and fruity, with some texture and a clean,

easy-going zest on yellow fruits. Enjoy young.

NV 84 1-4 years

Granite White

NV

NV: pleasant, gently fruited and lowish alcohol,

good value braai wine, not for keeping.

NV 83 1-3 years

Guinea Fowl White R

2011: light gold, tangy orange peel and bitter herbs, simple and pleasant.	2011	82	2011-2016
2017: watery hue but packed with green apple punch and perfume hint, very pleasant.	2017	84	2017-2024
2018: this all Chenin wine is tight and bright, with fresh attack over classic fruit notes, just needs a bit of time.	2018	86	2020-2028
2021: Sauvignon-like racy acidity, taut green fruit, grapefruit, melon and a metallic dry brusqueness, no evidence of lees warmth stated.	2021	82	2021-2027
2022: tight and yet to show yellow fruit, green apple with a gentler finish, good value and unpretentious.	2022	84	2023-2028
2023: promising but doesn't carry the weight through, clean, pleasant just needs more power.	2023	83	2023-2028

PC Sauvignon Blanc RR

	2008	82	2008-2014
2012: delicate mineral notes with hints of tropical fruits, lacking some body.	2012	85	2012-2018
2017: very pale, tight and zesty, with mixed tropical and brash green citrus fruits.	2017	86	2017-2024
2019: steely dry crunch and pure green notes with some tropical warmth, grapefruit and gooseberry, classic tones and nice mouthfeel.	2019	90	2019-2026
2020: wet steel and green citrus, tinned peas and kiwi with a very dry feel, unfussy and enjoyable.	2020	89	2020-2027
2021: very pale and with bright green fruits, steely crisp and rather brief, just mid weight.	2021	86	2021-2027

Sauvignon Blanc/Sémillon Limited Release RRR

2011: at age ten still offering glossy old gold hue, precise orange rind fruit, creamy texture and layers	2011	92	2012-2023
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of enjoyment, it's length is going, however.

PC Chardonnay

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	2006	90	2007-2027
	2007	87	2007-2012
2010: gold hue, vanilla nose then a blend of citrus and tropical styles avoiding any herbaceousness.	2010	85	2010-2017
2012: sweet vanilla oak, creamy and just revealing lush fruit but needing ½ more years.	2012	87	2012-2020
2016: shy and pale, with passion fruit and wood notes, savoury and taut, finishing a touch metallic.	2016	85	2016-2026
2019: a step up, heaps of hazelnut, creamy lanolin and sweet oak, fresh mango, peach and yellow fruits, a serious wine.	2019	91	2020-2028

Guinea Fowl Red

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2010: mid ruby, bright berry nose then spicy fruit all vibrant and ripe with a savoury finish.	2010	83	2010-2016
2012: spicy, liqueur-like dark fruit, pleasant and straight forward.	2012	80	2012-2019
2015: Cabernet led without Shiraz, but rather agricultural, finishing with acid grip – needs time to unwind.	2015	78	2015-2024
2016: competent mixed berry mid weight version, uncomplicated but satisfying and quite hearty. If unmemorable.	2016	83	2017-2025
2017: juicy red berry quaffer, with pyrazine cranberry and tar note from Cab Franc, pungent and assertive.	2017	86	2017-2026
2019: light and pleasantly juicy, with berry compote, a menthol currant note, rather brief.	2019	86	2019-2027
2020: weightier than the '19, with a pungent, baked nose and rustic black fruit, rather plain and not the stated 'elegant'.	2020	84	2020-2027

Concept Grand Vin Rouge

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NV: spicy nose, chewy fruit with grip, simple and everyday.

NV 81 1-4 years**PC Merlot**

RR

	2005 90 2007-2015
	2006 86 2006-2014
2008: mid ruby, loud berry fruit then juicy red palate lacking some identity.	2008 85 2009-2017
2012: some aging herbal, earth notes forming, but in the mouth lots of clean, primary fruit power	2012 86 2013-2024

PC Pinotage

RR

	2005 88 2006-2017
	2007 88 2009-2018
2008: mid depth with a smoky nose then classic wild forest fruit tang. Shouts Pinotage.	2008 83 2009-2016
2016: mid depth with a sweet red berry nose and blueberry leaner palate, clean and enjoyable.	2016 87 2017-2027
2017: very fruity and juicy, with forest fruits, bramble and leather in a Carbonic, easy style.	2017 87 2017-2028
2018: classic bitumen and blackcurrant note, silky smooth and quite rich, with tangy berry charm, if straightforward.	2018 90 2019-2029
2020: juicy and forward, bursting with fruit, red plum and blueberries in a lighter, friendly vibrant style.	2020 89 2021-2028

PC Cabernet Sauvignon

RRR

	2005 92 2007-2018
2007: rich classic cabernet nose then liqueur like smooth blackcurrants and a tannic bite finish	2007 92 2009-2019
2012: inky depth, cedar and herb with blackcurrants, opening slowly, balanced and long.	2012 90 2013-2026
2013: very deeply hued with dark fruit medley, mouthwatering grippy attack, full and nicely balanced cassis finish.	2013 90 2015-2027
2015: blueberry chewing gum, intensely fruity with lip-smacking acid lift, background wood and a straightforward, racy palate.	2015 89 2017-2026
2017: better balanced than the '15, with lace tannins, silky mouthfeel, plush blackcurrant compote and fine fruit focus.	2017 91 2019-2029

PC Shiraz

RRR

	2005 92 2008-2020
2007: lovely oak tannin over fruit nose then coffee tones and white pepper fruit.	2007 89 2009-2017
2009: overt blueberry nose with spicy black fruit bite, yet finishing short and lacking some weight.	2009 87 2009-2020
2015: overt black fruits, bright and focussed, lots of cassis but not overly spicy.	2015 89 2016-2027
2016: similar Carbonic juiciness and accessibility in youth, not peppery or spicy but with lush dark plums.	2016 88 2016-2027
2017: a departure from '16, with fuller, softer and richer fruit, crushed blackberries, wood spice and generous plum lushness.	2017 91 2019-2028

Le Rêve

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NV: Natural Sweet with some 110g/RS and 9%	NV 86 1-8 years
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alcohol but remaining very light and quite delicate,
with marmalade, dried yellow fruit and soft peach
notes, feeling quite dry but finishing quickly.
