

Skilpadvlei Wines

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Owner(s): W D Joubert Cellarmaster: Willie Joubert

WO; Stellenbosch

New vineyards being planted as this farm regenerates its wine portfolio.

Popular eating spot and friendly staff.



Vintage Score best drinking

Sauvignon Blanc R

2011: pale straw, sweet mango and kiwi nose, light, crisp but a touch green and thin.	2011	82	2011-2015
2018: pale and with a dry and steely nose, tight and fresh with more minerality and gentle green fruits.	2018	84	2018-2023
2019: very green and tight, with punchy apple and citrus notes, feeling light and fleeting.	2019	84	2019-2024
2021: pale green hue with mellow grapefruit and lichee flavours, rather brief and timid.	2021	84	2021-2025

Chenin Blanc R

2011: pale yellow and nose of cut green apple, medium weight, firm and savoury.	2011	83	2011-2014
2017: faintly oaky nose but nicely savoury and clean palate with some tropical fruits and cream roundness.	2017	85	2017-2026
2018: green citrus based, slight lees hint, firm and enjoyable in an easy style.	2018	85	2018-2024

Rosé R

2017: very pale and feels delicate, with dry	2017	80	2017-2022
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rose-petal aromas and light, pleasant palate.			
2018: salmon hue, attractive strawberry ripe nose but dry feel despite selling as 'off-dry'. Grenache fullness and nice acid balance.	2018	85	2018-2024
2021: very pale, almost untinted, with shy nose but full red berry palate with some boldness finishing nicely dry.	2021	85	2021-2026

Skilpaddop Dry Red R

2009: pale ruby, juicy red berry nose with soft, plummy flavours. Some bite from Pinotage but simple and easy.	2009	82	2009-2015
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Merlot R

2020: ruby garnet shine and dark fruit sweet nose, mocha and sinew then fruity plum and blackberry.	2020	87	2021-2028
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Pinotage R

2016: pale and just mid weight, with unusual red berry and strawberry nose, and easy-going bold cherry flavours.	2016	83	2016-2024
2017: carbonic juiciness with forward and simple plum and liquorice notes, finishing dryly grippy.	2017	86	2017-2026
2018: mid depth and glossy, with a forward fruity nose, soft and warm and dark but very juicy and approachable.	2018	86	2018-2027

Shiraz R

2016: light depth, bright red berry aromas, with deeper black fruits in the mouth, bright	2016	85	2016-2026
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and breezy.

2018: deep ruby black with bold fruit profile,
dark and spicy yet easy-going and friendly.

2018 86 2018-2027

Cabernet Sauvignon / Shiraz RR

2010: ruby plum hue, supple medium body,
juicy blackberry fruitiness.

2010 84 2010-2018

M L Joubert RR

2008: deep ruby, blue fruit nose with sweet
oak hints, chewy tannins with rich, full and
lingering flavours.

2008 90 2008-2016

2016: opens slowly, with bitter plums and
spice notes, nicely restrained and approachable.

2016 87 2017-2027

2018: mid weight, with tight and dark fruit solidity,
grippy and spicy but with good fruit and just needing
to settle.

2018 91 2020-2029

2019: dark chocolate and wood nose with dry and
firm tannins, forest berry fruits and earth, long and s
till opening. Will improve.

2019 89 2021-2029

Joubert SMG Red Blend RRR

2016: smoky nose and smooth, supple red berry
hedgerow fruits, elegant and balanced and with
structure and class. Still improving at three years.

2016 91 2018-2028

