

## Somerbosch Wines

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WO; Stellenbosch / Western Cape



Somewhat rustic still, with uneven track approach and casual al fresco dining – very popular lunch venue, with wines that are honest and wide ranging.

*Vintage Score best drinking*

### MCC Brut RR

Pale lime. Light, bready nose and fine mousse.

**NV 84 1-5years**

Dry, tight and restrained

### Cape Frizzante Rosé R

Carbonated version with Merlot colour and

**NV 80 1-4years**

Semillon warmth, light, dry but characterless.

### Poker Hill Semillon/Chenin Blanc R

**2009 80 2009-2013**

### Sauvignon Blanc R

**2008 85 2008-2012**

**2012:** pale hue, quiet nose then zesty but

**2012 74 2012-2017**

light fruit lacking some effect.

**2013:** intense cat's pee classic nose,  
then softish green fruit. Straightforward.

**2013 85 2013-2018**

**2014:** still pungent crushed gooseberries

**2014 87 2014-2020**

with zingy acidity but getting richer and offering more.

<b>2017:</b> lighter style, with citrus notes and less acidity than previous, a touch short.	<b>2017</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
<b>2018:</b> steely with stone fruit in a zesty, peach, herb and citrus style, rather fleeting.	<b>2018</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2018-2025</b>
<b>2019:</b> watery depth, steely crisp apple and lemon citrus punch, but staying light in feel.	<b>2019</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2019-2026</b>
<b>2020:</b> crisp and a touch brief but showing fruit forward tropical notes with stony grip.	<b>2020</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2020-2027</b>
<b>2021:</b> enjoyable smoky mineral nose and stone fruit palate, just enough acidity and it hides its 14.5% alcohol well. The best yet.	<b>2021</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2021-2028</b>
<b>2022:</b> a full (14.5%) and noticeable version, muted green fruits, pleasant acidity, good value.	<b>2022</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2022-2028</b>

## Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon R

<b>2014:</b> pale hue with light stone fruit notes. Softish palate, mineral but lacking depth and length.	<b>2014</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2014-2019</b>
<b>2017:</b> pale hue, soft and full attack, with delicate but pleasant fruit and mineral hint.	<b>2017</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
<b>2018:</b> brash and youthfull, with lemon and lime and peach zest, nicely weighted.	<b>2018</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2019</b> :pale tones, ripe and fleshy lime fruits, bright and zesty and light styled.	<b>2019</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2019-2026</b>
<b>2022:</b> tangy mix of savoury herb, green fruit and dried stone fruits, easy drinking and pleasant.	<b>2022</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2022-2028</b>

## Chenin Blanc R

<b>2012:</b> pale, shy nose and dry, savoury palate. Light and seems diluted.	<b>2012</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2012-2017</b>
<b>2014:</b> bright and zesty with forward fruit profile and grippy acidity.	<b>2014</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2014-2019</b>

<b>2017:</b> very pale, closed nose and hinting at green apple notes, straightforward.	<b>2017</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2017-2025</b>
<b>2018:</b> pale lime hue, tangy and fresh, with savoury Granny Smith apple crunch.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2019:</b> pleasant barely ripe green apple and warm honey mix, lighter styled, steely and straightforward.	<b>2019</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2019-2026</b>
<b>2020:</b> nicely tangy and hessian textured, with stone fruit and green notes, easy-going and very pleasant.	<b>2020</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>
<b>2021:</b> lots of dried roasted almonds and savoury yellow fruits, almost delicious, but seems too light and finishes quickly.	<b>2021</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2021-2028</b>
<b>2022:</b> In a different league, textured, herb and honey, real character and interest, very good.	<b>2022</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2023-2030</b>

## Steen RR

<b>2021:</b> other than falling away quickly, this lime coloured, full and sleek version shows the makers gift with Chenin.	<b>2021</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2022-2028</b>
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## Chenin Blanc Oaked R

<b>2011:</b> seems unbalanced, with oak too forward leaving a slight bitterness.	<b>2011</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2011-2019</b>
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## Chardonnay R

<b>2011:</b> lemon yellow, green fruits, light style and a touch short.	<b>2011</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>
<b>2016:</b> grapefruit hint and slightly leaner style, rather thin and brief.	<b>2016</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2016-2024</b>

## Rosé R

<b>2013:</b> pale copper hue, faintly fruity nose, bracingly dry red berry palate, rather abrupt.	<b>2013</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2013-2018</b>
<b>2017:</b> touch confectioned with strawberry jamminess, though finishing nicely crisp and dry.	<b>2017</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2017-2024</b>
<b>2018:</b> pale copper hue, less sweet than '17, shy nose, juicy and with some weight, subdued red berry notes.	<b>2018</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2018-2025</b>
<b>2019:</b> very gentle copper glint, yellow berries with some red fruit weight, fresh, clean and pleasant.	<b>2019</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2019-2026</b>
<b>2020:</b> very pale and pretty, dry berry nose, juicy fresh strawberry and dusty cherry palate, very good and the best yet.	<b>2020</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2020-2027</b>
<b>2022:</b> deeper coloured and full fruity with a hefty (14.5%) alcohol feel. Modern and easy-for-all.	<b>2022</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2022-2027</b>

## Pinot Noir

RR

<b>2018:</b> quite dark and burly for the varietal, with earthy red berry fruits and wood grip, dusty and with sinew.	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2019-2027</b>
<b>2019:</b> lustrous colour and subdued but attractive nose, smoky note on rich summer fruits, very nice.	<b>2019</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>

## Merlot

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	<b>2005</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2006-2014</b>
<b>2010:</b> deep ruby, soft plum nose, spicy if astringent and grippy.	<b>2010</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2010-2017</b>
<b>2011:</b> dry, with fruit behind grippy oak tannins, perhaps never to surface.	<b>2011</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2011-2019</b>
<b>2015:</b> very dark and with a brooding nose, serious deeply fruited, not overly cherry based, but denser, darker, richer.	<b>2015</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2016:</b> closed at present, still young with bite, but with mixed berry fruit to come.	<b>2016</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>

<b>2018:</b> vanilla hint over dusty dry wood notes, cherry and dark fruit, sinewy but staying mid weighted.	<b>2018</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2019:</b> every bit its 14.5% alcohol, with smoky charcoal and coffee notes, dark plum and spice with a smooth mouthfeel.	<b>2019</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>
<b>2020:</b> smooth and very drinkable, hides its 15% alcohol well and is a worthy edition.	<b>2020</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2021-2029</b>

## Pinotage RR

<b>2009:</b> black fruits and bubble gum with dry tannins. Straightforward.	<b>2009</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2010-2019</b>
<b>2012:</b> youthful reticence, very dry and with forward acidity, needs to unwind.	<b>2012</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2012-2019</b>
<b>2015:</b> ruby depth, some rim fade, leather and lilac notes, liquorice and plums and very smooth.	<b>2015</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2017:</b> overt aromas, lighter style with blue fruit and black cherry notes, still oaky grip.	<b>2017</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2018-2025</b>
<b>2018:</b> hints of smoky meat nose, then supple and boldly fruity cherry and blueberry notes, smooth and accessible.	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2019-2027</b>

## Cabernet Sauvignon R

	<b>2005</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2006-2017</b>
<b>2010:</b> plummy hue, moderate nose then soft, juicy blackcurrant fruit and dry finish.	<b>2010</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2010-2019</b>
<b>2011:</b> shy nose, dry and firm but opens sweeter on palate, all black fruited.	<b>2011</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2011-2021</b>
<b>2015:</b> nicely balanced and obviously Cabernet, with savoury herb edge and fine tannins, very good.	<b>2015</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2016-2024</b>
<b>2016:</b> deep plum hue, very forward and juicy with cigar box and blackcurrant attack, not complicated.	<b>2016</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2016-2025</b>
<b>2018:</b> lighter styled, with fruity impact and	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2019-2026</b>

wood dry tannins, lots of tactile currant and tobacco notes.

<b>2019:</b> fuller and darker than the '18, with spice, rugged tannins, winter blackcurrant and earth, quite a punch.	<b>2019</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>
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## Kylix

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	<b>2003</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2004-2016</b>
<b>2010:</b> medium depth, earthy oak nose then sweet, soft fruit. Supple and dry with spicy long finish.	<b>2010</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2010-2020</b>
<b>2012:</b> opens with time to show leathery, dark plum fruit, sweet nose and spice notes. A touch porty.	<b>2012</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2014-2023</b>
<b>2013:</b> obvious wood notes and tannins, classic cigar box and herbs with mixed berry fruits. Nicely restrained and Old World style.	<b>2013</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2015-2026</b>
<b>2015:</b> ruby-black depth, shy nose, then smooth dark fruits, prunes, bitter chocolate and spice with oak support, firm and needing time to show.	<b>2015</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2019-2028</b>
<b>2016:</b> vibrant lush nose and full smooth palate, quality fruit, supportive tannins, textured and long, very good.	<b>2016</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2017-2028</b>

## Shiraz/Merlot

## R

<b>2014:</b> deep purple with plum notes in a soft, easy style with oak tannins on the finish.	<b>2014</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2014-2020</b>
<b>2016:</b> easy-going full fruited version, jammy big spicy hedgerow fruit. Enjoy now.	<b>2016</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2016-2023</b>
<b>2018:</b> dark purple depth, spicy dark fruit, juicy and softish and full of plummy notes.	<b>2018</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2018-2025</b>
<b>2019:</b> mixed fruit accessibility, juicy and just mid weight but showing a touch burnt edge to the flavours.	<b>2019</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2019-2025</b>
<b>2021:</b> indistinct dark fruit with a pungent,	<b>2021</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2021-2027</b>

forward note, again, feeling overcooked.

## Shiraz

R

	2005	85	2006-2016
<b>2009:</b> inky hue, moderate nose, spicy black fruit all on the mid palate.	2009	85	2009-2019
<b>2010:</b> deep hue, big ripe black fruit with full expression, but fleeting with a dry finish.	2010	84	2010-2020
<b>2011:</b> hides its oak well under sweet plum notes and spice but tannins reappear tightly on finish.	2011	84	2011-2021
<b>2016:</b> some premature rim fading over dark ripe fruit, quite lozenge-like and smooth.	2016	85	2017-2027
<b>2018:</b> fruit forward style but with grippy dry wood tannins, mixed dark fruits with plums, needs three years.	2018	86	2020-2027
<b>2019:</b> game notes on the nose then black berry fruits, spicy and with a dry bite, full and sinewy dark chocolate hint.	2019	87	2020-2028
<b>2020:</b> assertive if rather agricultural, with dark winter berry, char and spice, doesn't stand out.	2020	84	2021-2028

## LBV

RR

Huge, stewed raisins on nose and palate. Rum and raisin e cream with visible aging and softened tannins. Alcohol a bit prominent. Very drinkable.	NV	88	1-10years
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