

Stark-Condé Wines

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WO; Stellenbosch / Elgin



In the past an impressive approach across water – an island tasting experience – sadly no more - with constant improvements and care lavished by José, wonderful for de-stressing and the wines will help.

Vintage Score best drinking

Pepin Sauvignon Blanc

RR

2011: pale lime, intense but subdued nose,
lime and mineral with texture and some body.

2011 86 2011-2017

Postcard Series Sauvignon Blanc

RR

2017: intensely pungent with sulphur giving way to
huge minerality, dry and subtly fruited, smoky and taut.

2017 86 2017-2026

Round Mountain Sauvignon Blanc

RR

2017: flinty nose then tropical fruit, pear and melon
flavours, not too brisk.

2017 86 2017-2024

2018: very pale despite oaking, cleanly citrus based,
tight and tangy with mellowed acidity.

2018 85 2018-2026

2019: barely green tinged with overt grapefruit and
gooseberry nose and even more on the palate,
lip-smacking zestiness.

2019 86 2019-2027

Pepin Chenin Blanc

RR

	2009	85	2009-2014
2011: pale straw, fruit and herbs, chewy and quite rich.	2011	86	2012-2018

Chenin Blanc Jan Lui's RR

2017: very pale, shy nose, crisp and tangy texture, just medium bodied.	2017	84	2017-2025
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Field Blend White RRR

2014: lees richness and classy oak on stone fruits and tangy layers of interest.	2014	89	2014-2022
2017: straw hue, bold yellow fruit, soft and easy-going and fun.	2017	86	2017-2024
2018: pale and shy then engaging floral and yellow peach fruit tanginess, gentle oak sinew behind worthy and alluring aromas.	2018	88	2018-2026
2019: pale again, with soft tropical fruit aromas, nice weight and dry if gentle stony fruit flavours.	2019	89	2020-2027

Kara Tara Chardonnay RR

2019: very pale with an attractive fruity nose, wood backbone then creamy lemon and grapefruit notes finishing with mineral edge.	2019	90	2020-2028
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Syrah Rosé RR

2018: copper pink, shy nose, very dry and crisp with lots of red berry juiciness. Generous and appealing.	2018	84	2018-2025
2020: slightly tinged, then fruit driven floral notes with red roses accents, dry and dusty and tight.	2020	86	2020-2026

Pepin Pinot Noir

RR

	2009	82	2009-2014
2011: bright fruit, feminine and delicate with pristine fruit flavours and hint of leathery spice.	2011	85	2011-2018

Rowey Pinot Noir

RRR

2011: toasty, coffee nose, purer Pinot palate with smooth elegant fruit, polished and satisfying.	2011	89	2012-2019
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Round Mountain Pinot Noir

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2014: silky, smooth and sexy, with sweet fruit and lovely balance. Very impressive.	2014	91	2014-2024
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KaraTara Pinot Noir

RR

2017: very deep for the variety, with smoky cherry fruits, lip-smacking and nicely lean.	2017	85	2017-2026
2018: bright cherry nose. Strawberry notes with damp forest hint, ripe and clean and juicy and delicious.	2018	87	2018-2028
2019: glossy and nicely pale, with overt sweet fruit nose, generous strawberry silk, tactile and with a dry, earthy finish.	2019	90	2020-2029

Petit Verdot

RR

2015: shy nose, juicy dark berry pastille silkiness with a nice rough edge.	2015	87	2016-2026
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Lingen Red

RRR

2010: opaque, wild fruit nose over exuberant juicy fruit with some bite. Lovely balance and drinking nicely though will keep.	2010	91	2011-2021
2015: lots of red berry attack with earth and oak notes, supple and amenable, good fruit quality and user friendly.	2015	88	2017-2026
2016: deeply hued with a woody, textured nose then savoury and dry tones with mulberry and plum coming through strongly as it opens.	2016	91	2017-2029

Pepin Cabernet Sauvignon RR

2009: spicy black fruit nose with hint of currant then slowly opens in the mouth to finish rich and ripe.	2009	86	2010-2019
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Postcard Series Cabernet Sauvignon RR

2017: brusque and slightly cooked, lots of dark fruits with unprepossessing forward feel and a satisfying if unmemorable finish.	2017	84	2018-2027
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Cabernet Sauvignon RRR

2009: very deep, intriguing dark nose then concentrated, full and velvety fruit. Long finish.	2009	89	2011-2019
2013: poised and sophisticated, with ripe fruit, invisible oak and layers of flavour.	2013	90	2015-2024
2015: vibrant purple, quiet when young, supple dark fruit, blackberry and wood hint, very dry.	2015	86	2016-2026
2016: deep ruby, cedar and mulberry, rich and textured and full.	2016	88	2016-2027
2017: robust and taut in youth, lots of full dark fruited energy, grippy tannins and assertive	2017	88	2018-2028

mouthfeel.

Three Pines Cabernet Sauvignon

RRRR

2006: no fading at 12 years, quiet nose then dark cherries, plums and violets, fresh and soft and luscious.	2006	94	2009-2022
	2007	88	2008-2018
2009: highly perfumed white jasmine and violet nose then pure, clean and classy fruit. Fine tannins, supportive acid; will age nicely. Very refined and special.	2009	92	2011-2020
2013: already balanced, but needing time to reveal sumptuous fruit and complexity.	2013	91	2015-2025
2015: mid weight and depth, glossy bright, smooth and rich, long and with layered flavours.	2015	93	2017-2028
2016: opaque hue, lots of dusty tannins over cassis and mulberry, sexy and sumptuous.	2016	93	2017-2028
2017: inky and lustrous, with overt forest fruit nose, taut and grippy in youth, quite robust and promising layered precision ahead.	2017	93	2019-2030

Syrah / Mourvèdre

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	2009	88	2011-2018
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Petit Sirah

RR

2013: violets and plums, deeply hued and perfumed, nicely balanced and layered.	2013	91	2015-2023
2016: toasty oak vanilla, smoky mixed berry nose, intensely plum fruited, very dry and tactile.	2016	88	2018-2028
2017: opaque and attractive, with wood notes and	2017	91	2020-2029

dry dark and grippy fruit, promising layered flavours
needing time.

Syrah

RRR

2009: perfume and anise then lush blackberry and white pepper. Not heavy though a touch jammy.	2009	90	2010-2019
2013: full bodied, with dark scented fruit and a dry, savoury grip.	2013	90	2015-2023
2015: not heavy, shiny bright, stinky nose, supple, black berry fruit with pepper and plums.	2015	89	2016-2027
2016: deep ruby and boldly perfumed, supple and roundly tannic, lush and dry.	2016	87	2017-2027
2017: ruby shine and serious ripe nose, forward and very fruity with oak backbone and grippy tannins, clean and assertive.	2017	90	2019-2028

Three Pines Syrah

RRRR

2009: exotic aromas then pure silk in the mouth. Subtle tannins, pristine fruit and powerful yet elegant. A superb wine.	2009	95	2011-2021
2013: structured and still to open, but brooding with lush spice and blackberry.	2013	92	2015-2025
2015: rich and warming a touch brash as young, with spicy mulberry depth, damson and serious quality. Fantastic.	2015	93	2017-2028
2016: intense and opaque, rich, soft, velvety and comforting, with lush dark fruits not overly peppery but long and satisfying.	2016	93	2018-2029
2017: sweetly aromatic with Spring violets, then agile fruit complexity, plums, spice and currants, seductive and hearty. Still improving.	2017	93	2019-2030

Oude Nektar

RRRR

2010: blue fruit nose, tomato leafy, delicate and smooth with fine integrated tannins finishing with confident fruit. Quite profound.	2010	92	2012-2022
2015: inky depth, smooth, balanced and subtle, with classy elegant fruit and slowly opening intensity.	2015	91	2016-2029
2016: mid depth and glossy, very pretty if subtle ripe nose, elegant and silky with red berry, cassis and pencil notes, great balance and freshness	2016	93	2018-2029
2017: barrel sample has mint and cassis in abundance, with rapier precise fruit, fynbos and marmalade, perfumed and lush	2017	91	2020-2032

