Stellekaya Winery

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Vintage Score best drinking

Boschetto Red R

	2004	80	2004-2010
2009: mid depth, soft nose and rustic spicy	2009	79	2010-2016
red berries on the palate. Easy drinking.			

Merlot RR

	2004	85	2004-2011
2007: bright cherry hue, sweet berry nose	2007	80	2007-2016
then lightish, juicy fruit.			

Malbec RR

2018: unusually pale and restrained, with tight and	2018	91	2020-2028
zippy red fruit, more structure and wood than			
expected, bright and focussed.			

Cabernet Sauvignon RR

	2005	91	2007-2015
2008: rich colour, a touch of age but lush deep	2008	91	2010-2018
cassis and layers of sweet fruit and drinking			
beautifully now.			
2014: dark and with soft dusty wood tannins, a	2014	88	2016-2026

big wine, black fruited, round and generous if			
unmemorable.			
2015: rich, warming and mouthfilling, quite fleshy and	2015	90	2017-2027
with dusty earth tones, currants and plums, robust,			
pliant and accessible.			
2016: fleshy and forward with dusty dark fruits and	<mark>2016</mark>	91	2018-2028
robust, compelling layers, totally enticing and very			
alluring.			
2017: deep mauve and showing structure and wood	2017	91	2019-2029
rather than explosive fruit, lean, dry and grippy with			
fresh acidity, a classy wine.			

Shiraz RR

	2005	85	2006-2012
2008: some brick coloured ageing and a stewed	2008	83	2008-2017
sour cherry palate with ripe fruit and a nice			
balance.			

Cape Cross RR

	2004	85	2006-2013
2005: still deeply coloured, shy nose then	2005	83	2005-2016
dusty tannins over raspberries and vegetal			
notes.			

Hercules RR

	2006	82	2007-2014
2007: shallow hue, red berries especially	2007	80	2007-2017
raspberries and sour cherry in a simple style.			
2014: hint of age at five, together with sappy	2014	88	2016-2026
leather notes of sangiovese component, give it			
a restrained, layered and interesting style. Quite			
classy and compelling.			
2015: savoury raspberry rustic nose, soft and generous	2015	92	2017-2027
fruit with balance, focus and quite delicious flavours,			

very good.

2017: showing its 27 months in old wood in a savoury,	2017	91	2019-2028
rustic forest berry, food friendly, European style, very			
nice and still improving.			

Orion RRR

2014: very deep with a reserved and serious nose,	2014	90	2015-2025
bold and juicy with herb and plum notes, lush and			
satisfying.			
2017: glossy health, precise fruity nose, clean and	2017	93	2019-2029
with fresh plums, spice and cassis but not explosive, more			
dusty and cultured. Still improving.			