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WO; Stellenbosch



With a nice new tarmacked road, the relaxed lay-out and large tasting area has friendly staff who let you take your own pace. Fantastic value wines.

Vintage Score best drinking

Magnifico Spumante RR

Tangy Chenin notes, fine mousse and petillant richness, great fun and impossible to resist.

NV 78 1-5 years

Clement de Lure Rosé Brut RR

Quite deeply coloured and flavoursome, nicely dry and easy going.

NV 82 1-5 years

Sauvignon Blanc (was Embrace) R

2010: straightforward and clean, offering zesty fruit and refreshing impact.

2010 76 2010-2017

2011: pale yellow, light, zippy fruit, all buzzing in the mouth.

2011 81 2011-2015

2012: pale straw, fresh and fruity with green apple and tropical hints.

2012 82 2012-2018

2017: clean and fresh, not too racy, with floral stone fruits, less citrus, pleasant if uncomplicated.

2017 82 2017-2024

2018: lots of light and crisp green fruits, lime and guava, clean and zesty.

2018 86 2018-2024

2019: green fruit based, grapefruit, kiwi, lime and herbs, not overly crisp, but full and refreshing, finishing with yellow fruit hint, quite lip-smacking.

2019 85 2019-2026

2021: dry and with muted grapefruit, melon and steely green fruit, satisfying and mouthfilling, and good value.

2021 86 2021-2027

Kleine Rust White (Chenin Blanc/Sauvignon Blanc) R

2011: fruity, refreshing, dry and does what it intends.

2011 78 2011-2015

2013: lots of squashed gooseberry Sauvignon grip and Chenin texture. Nice Summer wine.

2013 80 2013-2019

2018: nicely fruity and forward, lots of citrus and stone fruit drive, easy and not too firm, great summer wine.

2018 83 2018-2024

2020: enjoyable Chenin crunch and texture, with pleasant, if light, vibrant fruit, a quaffer.

2020 83 2020-2025

2021: savoury and quite lip-smacking tactile, with herbs and steely mixed green fruits, seems lighter than 13%.

2021 84 2021-2026

2022: nice Chenin content, apples and a savoury edge, the Sauvignon doesn't add, but easy drinking.

2022 82 2022-2027

Chenin Blanc R

2009 83 2009-2013

2011: pale yellow, bright, tangy fruit, supple and nicely approachable.

2011 83 2011-2016

2013: huge, fleshy fruit, all summery and with big flavours. Very drinkable.

2013 87 2013-2020

2014: bold chunky fruit, green apple and tangerine, filling front of mouth but fading quickly.

2014 85 2014-2022

2015: rich and full-flavoured, with clean apple notes and depth. A marvellous wine.

2015 89 2015-2024

2017: mid-way between soft tropical and green citrus crunch, brief and every-day drinking. Lacks

2017 83 2017-2023

the depth of '15.

2018: straw hue, fresh if muted fruit notes, quite leesy and weighty revealing lemony zip later.	2018	85	2018-2024
2019: nicely viscous, with crunchy green apple, floral and gently tropical notes, bright but with a hearty embrace.	2019	87	2019-2027
2020: piercingly fine fruit, crisp grapefruit with green apple and a squeeze of lime, finishing full and coating, very good indeed.	2020	89	2020-2029
2021: lime burst, pear and tropical fruits, but not soft and woolly, but crisp, lively and quite delicious.	2021	88	2021-2029
2022: exceptional vintage, bold, bursting with zesty summer fruits, lingering, compelling, terrific value.	2022	92	2022-2030
2023: dry and firm, balanced between green apple and softer melon notes, simple and enjoyable.	2023	88	2023-2028

Stellenbosch Manor Chenin Blanc RR

2021: initially fresh with orange and lemon peel, then opens to a fuller honey and ripe apple note, finishing lush and rich.	2021	91	2022-2030
2022: richly fruited, very expressive and classy, built to age and with layers of nuance waiting to show.	2022	92	2023-2030

Old Bush Vine Chenin Blanc RR

2019: wonderfully rich and lush, full of pristine apple, quince and honey hint, piercingly clean and vivid, viscous yet rapier-like.	2019	93	2020-2029
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46/47 Chenin Blanc RR

2010: deep gold, sumptuous nose and flavours of nectarine, guava and honey. Explosive fruit which will develop nicely. Delicious.	2010	93	2012-2019
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2011: unique and showy, another hugely
flavoursome and classy wine, tropical notes
and botrytis hints. Sumptuous.

2011 93 2011-2022

Chenin Blanc 57 Barrel Fermented RRR

2018: effulgent and expressive, with tactile green
fruits, orange peel and quince, viscous and compelling.

2018 92 2019-2029

2021: rich and unctuous, with bright orange peel and
a layer of oak, very nice.

2021 91 2021-2029

The Mothership Chenin Blanc RRRR

2021: deliciously refined and restrained, just
rapier-like fruit, orange peel, stone fruit, fresh
and sophisticated.

2021 94 2021-2031

Chardonnay R

2011: yellow hue, shy nose then pineapple,
melon and white fruit in a zesty, light style.

2011 82 2011-2018

2012: lots of lime cordial nose then light,
fresh fruit flavours, a touch reserved.

2012 83 2012-2019

2018: crisp enough for Sauvignon, with apple and
pear and blossom for a Chenin, identity crisis aside,
refreshing, clean and satisfying.

2018 83 2018-2025

2019: fresh and zesty with a hint of wood and subtle
stone fruits and herbs. Nicely textured and with some
weight.

2019 85 2019-2026

WY Barrel Fermented Chardonnay RR

2010: gold hue, creamy, oaky nose, vanilla
over soft fruit. Lots of tropical notes, lovely

2010 92 2012-2018

depth and finish.			
2011: classy fruit and supportive oak with a creamy, long and complex finish.	2011	90	2011-2019
2017: deep straw lustre, wooded nose, serious fruit intensity, tropical notes, pineapple and staying fresh and zippy throughout.	2017	88	2018-2026
2018: pale gold, with a heavy nose, bold with oak and rich orange rind and passion fruit notes, sassy and layered and delicious.	2018	92	2019-2028
2019: forward delicious ripe fruited nose with creamy yellow fruit body, big, lush and compelling, another winner.	2019	92	2020-2029

The Apprentice White Cinsault RRR

2021: attractively aromatic and dry, with peach and pear and winter flowers, quite full and intriguing.	2021	90	2021-2028
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Kleine Rust Pinotage Rosé R

2011: light cherry hue, shy nose then a burst of strawberry fruit on the palate. Luscious and classy, a rosé for those that need to be convinced.	2011	83	2011-2016
2017: ripe, almost sweet strawberry and farm burst, fullish and with weight.	2017	78	2017-2024
2019: merest hint of pink, shy nose, vibrant strawberry fruited, nicely dry and friendly.	2019	82	2019-2025

Simplicity R

	2010	84	2010-2018
2011: red berry nose with spice and hedgerow. Sinewy tannins over juicy stewed fruit in a pleasant, straightforward but rather coarse, style.	2011	80	2011-2018
2012: hints of oak tannins under a rustic	2012	83	2012-2020

bite of black spicy fruits, a touch brutish.			
2013: juicy and brackish, with leather and iodine, again winter warmer style.	2013	82	2013-2020
2014: shy nose, bigger palate, bold blackcurrant and plum, touch hot ferment or overripe bitterness.	2014	83	2014-2022
2016: unsophisticated dark berry fruit melange, with rustic spice and simple profile.	2016	80	2016-2024
2017: forward and robust spicy dark fruit, competent and uncomplicated.	2017	82	2017-2025
2019: sweet wood notes on ripe red berry flavours with some bitter chocolate notes, rustic, easy-drinking.	2019	84	2019-2026
2020: touch of spice and old wood, but heaps of lush liqueur-like black fruits, juicy and sumptuous.	2020	87	2021-2028
2021: cocoa powder and graphite notes, then black fruit and real spice, robust yet definitely not 'simplicity' but intriguing and great value.	2021	89	2022-2029

BV Cinsault RR

2016: pale but lustrous, lots of raspberry and bitter cherry fruit, light, juicy and elegant and quite charming.	2016	88	2016-2026
2017: glossy and alluring, then ripe red berry, vanilla and cherry notes, pristine and refined, so lingering and balanced, succulent yet poised.	2017	90	2018-2028
2018: so pale and glossy, with a perfumed nose and restrained, almost lighter luxurious winter berried palate.	2018	89	2019-2028
2020: so smooth and refined, yet ripe and succulent, this is balanced and worthy.	2020	91	2020-2029

Merlot R

2010: deeply coloured, shy nose revealing red berries and lots of sour cherries. Supportive tannins but drinking now.	2010	83	2010-2016
2017: mid ruby depth, fruity, forward nose, juicy	2017	85	2017-2025

bramble fruits and cherry, satisfying and honest.

2018: wild berry fruits with charry oak and a full mouthfeel, soft and comforting yet with a spicy bite in the finish. Very competent.	2018	88	2019-2028
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2019: attractive nose then dry and dusty red berry fruits and herbs with a tomato hint.	2019	87	2019-2028
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Cabernet Franc

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2015: tremendous wine, not leafy but rich and layered, with plump soft fruits, deep yet elegant intensity, long and very sexy.	2015	92	2017-2027
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2016: berry and leaf note nose, sweet ripe fruit with wood support, elegant, silky tannins and classy refined palate. A lovely wine.	2016	92	2018-2028
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Kleine Rust Red Pinotage / Shiraz

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2011: summer fruit pudding, leather and spice. Very moreish, supple easy drinking and a real bargain.	2011	84	2011-2018
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2012: deeper than '11, with juicy dark fruits and a straightforward profile. Still good value.	2012	82	2012-2019
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2013: consistently dark and chunky, with rich spicy fruit and texture, short and simple, but enjoyable	2013	82	2013-2020
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2017: bold and forward, ultra juicy black liquorice and blackcurrant pleasure, simple and well-made, and very nice.	2017	85	2017-2025
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2018: dark hue and dark fruited, easy-going and very fruity, good spicy bite.	2018	85	2018-2026
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Pinotage

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2011: expressive nose, dark mulberry	2011	82	2011-2016
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fruit and soft and smooth in the mouth. Straightforward and enjoyable.			
2012: deep and supple, with blackcurrant fruit and a slightly metallic tang.	2012	82	2012-2018
2013: as in '12, intense cassis fruit, bright and clean yet with a rich, satisfying depth.	2013	84	2013-2021
2014: juicy plum, cherry and dry bite on a straightforward, enjoyable wine.	2014	84	2014-2022
2016: competent and clean, with linear dark plum fruit and savoury tannins.	2016	84	2016-2025
2017: supple and easy, classic varietal esters, with dark plum, liquorice and black cherry rustic fruit, a touch spicy and simply forward.	2017	84	2017-2026
2018: mocha nose, quite pronounced, ultra-soft and juicy with spicy black fruits, charming and comforting.	2018	88	2019-2028
2019: soft and smooth ripe berry fruits, with a dark chocolate wood hint, easy-going and friendly.	2019	87	2019-2028

Cornerstone Pinotage

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2008: deep purple hue, leather and eucalyptus nose, soft and smooth blue fruits with a hint of rubbery acetone. Quite supple.	2008	88	2009-2018
2010: sweet fruit nose, classic varietal flavours and silky, balanced mouthfeel.	2010	87	2010-2019
2015: glossy garnet hue, ripe, forward nose, then gentle rounded palate, lots of plum and winter fruits.	2015	90	2016-2026
2016: deliciously scented and complex nose, smoky, with coffee hint and piercing blackcurrant liqueur and liquorice fruit, heady and silky.	2016	93	2018-2029
2020: smoky and heady nose then soft and layered fruits, plum, berries and clean aromas.	2020	91	2021-2029
2021: juicy, succulent blue fruits with a classy edge, full and age worthy, a fine wine.	2021	90	2022-2030

Cabernet Sauvignon

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	2007	90	2009-2018
2010: jammy, dark fruit nose, ripe fruit over dry tannins, needs 2/3 more years.	2010	84	2010-2018
2011: just mid colour and weight, fruity and moreish and a touch feral.	2011	85	2011-2019
2012: nicely restrained, with some elegance and dark blue fruits if lacking some complexity.	2012	85	2012-2020
2013: liquid blackcurrant lozenge with a spice bite, good value and honest.	2013	84	2012-2020
2014: sappy and dark fruited, grippy and textured if rather undistinguished.	2014	81	2014-2022
2017: shy nose with inky depth, dusty dry wood tannins, eucalyptus and black fruits, nicely lingering.	2017	87	2017-2027
2018: bright berry fruited, forward and grippy dry, with savoury forest fruit and earth hint.	2018	87	2018-2028

Shiraz

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	2006	91	2008-2018
2010: opaque, sweet fruit nose with pepper and spice in a fruit forward style, enjoyable young.	2010	83	2010-2018
2011: lighter style with supple textures and spicy black fruit. Quaffable.	2011	86	2011-2018
2012: lush, new leather and spice with blackcurrant in a lighter depth, easy-going wine.	2012	83	2012-2020
2013: juicy, fruit forward style, just medium bodied and with supple tannins. Accessible.	2013	83	2013-2021
2016: very New World, soft and lush with liquorice, plums and spice in an easy, pleasant style.	2016	87	2016-2026
2017: very smooth and full, with cranberry and plum depths, lots of smoky toasty oak and spice, forward and quite lush.	2017	90	2018-2028
2018: bold and rather pretty nose, mocha spice note,	2018	87	2019-2028

sweet fruited with a lighter mouthfeel, very pleasant.

2020: hugely estery at first, with berry compote rugged fruit, finishing with friendlier silkiness and fruit depth.	2020	86	2020-2028
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Peppergrinder Shiraz

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2009: deeply coloured and rich with violets and perfume. Game, forest fruits and spice and though showing development, still with lots of full ripe fruit. A lovely wine.	2009	93	2011-2020
2015: opaque depth, soft and full and big fruited, slightly rustic finish but rich and delicious peppery black fruit core.	2015	90	2016-2026
2016: pungent nose then soft velvety plum and dusty oak notes, silky and elegant yet full and powerful, compelling and classy.	2016	93	2018-2029
2019: classic spicy base with dark and grippy fruit, plump and persistent, another winner.	2019	91	2020-2030

Blueberry Hill Shiraz

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2019: some textured mocha hint then full bodied and silky dark fruits, invisible oak and gentle tannins, delicious.	2019	93	2020-2030
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Seriesrare After Eight Shiraz

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2014: delicate glossy garnet depth, perfumed red berry nose, mint, mocha and oak hint, then silky, smooth decadent fruit palate, sexy, intense and harmonious, wonderful wine.	2014	94	2016-2028
2016: very deep hue, ripe fruit nose, blackberry and cherry with mint punch, smooth and warm and seductive, an alluring and complex wine.	2016	96	2018-2029

Eight Pillars (was JJ Picalot)

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2008 ; mid depth, stewed fruit nose, sweet, supple fruit, smooth and elegant.	2008 88	2009-2018
2009 : squashed damson and plum notes, grippy tannins and rich dark fruit flavours.	2009 86	2009-2018
2019 : lovely harmony for an eight varietal blend, lush and generous, full of winter berries and quality.	2019 93	2020-2030

Timeless

RR

2008 ; dusty, blue fruit nose, blackcurrants and herbs in a structured style rather than fruit forward. A wine to mull over.	2008 90	2009-2019
2016 : sexy and showy, with cassis and vanilla oak, tangy and rustic with lip-smacking tannins.	2016 88	2017-2027
2017 : fresh and sprightly berry fruits, rustic feeling with structured grip and potential, intense and ageworthy.	2017 89	2019-2029
2018 : pale ruby just medium depth, lighter styled and supple with brief but smooth dark fruit pleasure.	2018 88	2018-2028

Douwe Steyn

RRRR

2007 : dark, silky fruit, all plums and blackcurrants, elegant and revealing slowly. Classy yet unpretentious.	2007 93	2009-2022
2011 : smoky deep heady nose, not gamey at age nine, still vibrantly damson, mulberry and dried red berry notes, not heavy and in delicious harmony.	2011 93	2012-2025
2014 ; at age eight showing a tawny hint, integrated tannins and silky mixed berry fruits, long, complex and lovely.	2014 93	2015-2030

Kleine Rust Semi-Sweet

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2011 ; light gold hue, fruity nose, not overtly sweet and with creamy delicate white fruits. Not cloying	2011 80	2011-2015
2018 : very pale with a savoury, faintly fruity nose then sweet but not sticky, quite light palate. Doesn't linger.	2018 85	2018-2026

Chenin d'Muscat NLH 375m RR

2009 : old gold, rich, tangy nose, orange peel and honey. Not cloying but with delicate fruit and balanced acidity. Beautiful.	2009 92	2010-2019
2015 : pale hue, delicate but fresh nose, nicely balanced tangy dried fruit palate, bright and lovable.	2015 88	2015-2025
2016 : again, quite pale with lighter style body, tangy orange fruited, nicely cutting if brief.	2016 87	2016-2026
2018 : such delicate balance the sweetness is checked by succulent yellow fruits, all honey and lemon. Very nice and a perfect pudding match.	2018 91	2018-2029