

## Stellenbosch Vineyards

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WO; Stellenbosch / Western Cape



A range of brands and wines, from the popular Welmoed brand to the increasingly impressive Credo range. Quaint cottage adjoining production facilities now transformed into a swish tasting and dining area, and the presentation and quality of wines has seen this winery climb the ranks.

*Vintage Score best drinking*

### Infinity Brut MCC RR

**2014:** punchy and dry, with tactile, lip-smacking impact, feint yellow fruits, not overly yeasty, quite light and brief.

**2014 84 2014-2024**

### Versus White R

**2011:** light green hue, zippy acid, savoury herbs in a lighter style.

**2011 80 2011-2017**

### Versus Red R

**2011:** mid weight, berry nose, juicy fruit with savoury grip from Shiraz. Pleasant.

**2011 84 2011-2018**

### Arniston Bay Sauvignon Blanc R

**2011:** almost clear, shy, grassy nose with hint of CO<sub>2</sub>, light and zingy.

**2011 80 2011-2017**

### Arniston Bush Vine Bay Pinotage R

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<b>2010:</b> dusty fruit nose, savoury blue fruits, juicy and warm with nice balance. Straightforward.	<b>2010</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2010-2018</b>
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## **Welmoed Sauvignon Blanc** R

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<b>2012:</b> hint of green, overt grassy nose with gooseberries and a tangy but short finish.	<b>2012</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2012-2017</b>
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<b>2014:</b> luscious bright fruit, gooseberry freshness and mango richness. Very appealing.	<b>2014</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2014-2020</b>
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<b>2016:</b> rather brief and touch watery, but still with that lime and citrus punch, very refreshing.	<b>2016</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2016-2023</b>
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<b>2018:</b> bursts with fresh citrus attack, crisp and clean then a touch astringent grip and rather brief.	<b>2018</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
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<b>2019:</b> classic freshly cut grass with citrus, grapefruit and gooseberry, so clean and fruity, impossible not to like.	<b>2019</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2019-2027</b>
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## **Welmoed Pinot Grigio** R

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<b>2017:</b> spicy and with some texture, but lightweight and rather brief.	<b>2017</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
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<b>2018:</b> delightful dry aromatic wine, floral with white pear and gentle tropical hint, little spice and a perfect summer wine.	<b>2018</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2018-2025</b>
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## **Welmoed Gewurztraminer** R

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<b>2016:</b> perfumed, but not overly, and nicely dry and fruity, brief, but well balanced and satisfying.	<b>2016</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2016-2025</b>
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<b>2017:</b> bright exotic lychee impact, a touch watery but pleasant.	<b>2017</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
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## **Welmoed Chenin Blanc** R

	<b>2008</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2008-2012</b>
<b>2011:</b> pale yellow, expressive, fruity nose then soft and round in the mouth. Lacks some acidity so drink young.	<b>2011</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2011-2016</b>
<b>2014:</b> chunky, grippy fruit, dry and full of green fruits with bold attack.	<b>2014</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>
<b>2015:</b> feels like Hessian, rustic, assertive and full of personality, if not so easily glugged.	<b>2015</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2015-2022</b>
<b>2016:</b> marked acidity throws the balance, but nice green crunch persists.	<b>2016</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2016-2023</b>
<b>2017:</b> less zest and punch, slightly mineral stone fruited, simple and pleasant.	<b>2017</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2017-2024</b>
<b>2018:</b> chunky and full, with savoury bright fruit, pineapple and green melon, nicely weighted and zesty.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
<b>2019:</b> bursting with textured, vibrant fruit, classic apple, quince and a squeeze of lime, with alluring and compelling generosity, terrific value.	<b>2019</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2020-2028</b>

## Welmoed Viognier R

<b>2011:</b> shy nose, hints of perfume then white fruit notes and softened but lacking body and intensity.	<b>2011</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>
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## Welmoed Chardonnay R

<b>2011:</b> pale hue, overt citrus nose with hints of CO <sup>2</sup> then soft and juicy in the mouth. Easy style.	<b>2011</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2011-2016</b>
<b>2018:</b> some sinewy texture from wood enhancement and mixed yellow fruit flavours. Perfectly acceptable and well-made, if unremarkable.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2025</b>

## Welmoed Rosé R

<b>2014:</b> fruity and ripe, with generous, if brief, berry flavours. Good value.	<b>2014</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2014-2020</b>
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**2017:** very pale, shy cherry nose and red berry palate, tight and rather nervous. **2017 83 2017-2025**

**2018:** palest salmon hue, sweet nose but nicely dry palate, ripe berry fruits, dusty mouthfeel, simple and easy. **2018 83 2018-2025**

## **Welmoed Pinot Noir** R

**2014:** low alcohol (12%) version with tight and somewhat sharp fruited unripe red berry, holding acidity. **2014 79 2014-2023**

## **Welmoed Merlot** R

**2011:** red berry fruit nose, Spicy, juicy flavours with simple, tangy fruit. **2011 82 2011-2018**

**2012:** richly flavoured, dry and with some bite, in a straightforward style. **2012 81 2012-2020**

**2014:** dry, dusty oak tannins and coffee bean chocolate, enjoyable but attenuated. **2014 82 2014-2022**

**2017:** shy nose, reserved red berry fruits, vanilla background, seems quite tight, needs to open. **2017 84 2018-2027**

**2019:** liquid cherry lozenge, with a hint of acid grip, warmed by easier tannins and soft mouthfeel. **2019 84 2020-2027**

## **Welmoed Pinotage** R

**2011:** light depth, leafy raspberry fruit, finishing a touch lean but with nice flavours. **2011 85 2011-2018**

**2013:** light weight with simple dark fruits and some lozenge richness. Easy going and pleasant. **2013 81 2013-2021**

**2017:** ruby bright, mid weight, forward briary fruit and plums, a touch light and watery. **2017 84 2017-2027**

**2018:** light and juicy, with straightforward blue fruit smoky notes, mixed berries, clean and stout. **2018 84 2018-2027**

## Welmoed Cabernet Sauvignon R

<b>2011:</b> dark fruit nose, blackcurrant liqueur juicy fruit. Smooth cassis tones if slightly one dimensional.	<b>2011</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2011-2018</b>
<b>2012:</b> toasted chary notes over jammy black fruits , supple and easy going, not typically Cabernet, though and lighter style.	<b>2012</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2012-2019</b>
<b>2014:</b> juicy, easy-going and with dark fruit impact. Less oaky than previous, a nice quaffer.	<b>2014</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2014-2022</b>
<b>2016:</b> blue fruited, with easy-going palate feel, pleasant, clean and fun.	<b>2016</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2016-2024</b>
<b>2017:</b> pale depth, dry nose, then bright forward fruit opening to a more sappy finish, enjoy young.	<b>2017</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2017-2024</b>
<b>2018:</b> lots of tar notes, dark and spicy and feeling a touch burnt, hearty and assertive if unremarkable.	<b>2018</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2018-2025</b>

## Welmoed Shiraz R

	<b>2007</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2007-2013</b>
<b>2010:</b> mid depth and mid weight, fruity nose of red berry jam. Juicy, clean and enjoyable.	<b>2010</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2010-2018</b>
<b>2017:</b> fullish and with gentle, supple tannins, dark blackberry fruit and lush mouthfeel. Easy-going and very fruity.	<b>2017</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2017-2025</b>
<b>2018:</b> rich purple hue, bright and bold juicy bluefruits, not too grippy, honest and accessible.	<b>2018</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>

## Heydens Courage White R

<b>2009:</b> pale gold, floral notes then ripe pineapple and peach flavours. Soft and supple with a full, mineral finish.	<b>2009</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2009-2015</b>
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## Heydens Courage Red R

<b>2010:</b> deeply coloured, jammy fruit pastille nose and hints of pencils and plums in the mouth. Easy, lozenge-like style.	<b>2010</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2010-2017</b>
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**Kumkani Sauvignon Blanc** R

	<b>2009</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2009-2014</b>
<b>2010:</b> pale lime, shy nose, crisp clean lemony fruit.	<b>2010</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2010-2015</b>

**Kumkani Chardonnay/Viognier** R

<b>2008:</b> light gold, creamy pears and apples with guava. Fuller bodied with generous fruit.	<b>2008</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2008-2015</b>
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**Kumkani Viognier** R

	<b>2005</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2005-2012</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2007-2011</b>

**Kumkani Chenin Blanc** R

	<b>2006</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2006-2014</b>
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**Kumkani Chardonnay** R

<b>2011:</b> wood notes over woody flavours with a hint of fruit trying to emerge.	<b>2011</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2011-2018</b>
<b>2014:</b> just enough fresh tropical fruit to rise above apparent wood influence. Quite forceful.	<b>2014</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2014-2021</b>

**Kumkani Pinotage** RR

	2006	80	2006-2012
2009: mid depth, ripe berry nose, oaky tannins and sweet fruit, finishing very dry.	2009	87	2010-2017

**Kumkani Shiraz / Viognier** R

	2006	91	2007-2018
2007: smoky, peppery nose with floral notes, then a lighter style in the mouth, lacking precision but enjoyable.	2007	83	2007-2016

**Kumkani Shiraz/ Cabernet** R

2009: mid hued and mid weight, smooth and easy with a peppery spice bit at finish.	2009	87	2009-2018
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**Kumkani Shiraz** R

	2005	85	2005-2012
2009: deep purple, shy nose then dark, bramble fruit with subtle oak and a savoury herbal sweet finish. Delicious.	2009	87	2010-2018

**Cradle Hill Cabernet Sauvignon** RR

	2007	88	2007-2018
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**SV Sauvignon Blanc** R

2017: overt green citrus fruit, bursting out in a lovely way, light and breezy.	2017	81	2017-2025
2018: overt, huge nose, grassy and classic cat's pee nose, grapefruit crunch, zesty, emphatic and	2018	90	2018-2028

delicious, a big step up.

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### **SV Unwooded Chardonnay** R

<b>2017:</b> beautifully balanced, with unctuous exotic fruit impact and lingering flavours, excellent wine.	<b>2017</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2017-2025</b>
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<b>2018:</b> lees weight adds richness to this pale, stone fruited wine, with good intensity if not showy.	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>
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### **SV Bush Vine Chenin Blanc** R

<b>2017:</b> soft, lush and full bodied, with papaya and pineapple and oozing fruit. Delicious.	<b>2017</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2017-2027</b>
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<b>2018:</b> pale but overt, full and soft in the mouth, with deep green fruits and lingering flavours, very nice.	<b>2018</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
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### **SV Limited Release Verdelho** RRR

<b>2016:</b> heavy textured nose then opening to Chenin/Chardonnay-like tangy fruit bite, mid weighted.	<b>2016</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
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### **SV Pinotage** R

<b>2016:</b> soft and smooth, with dark cherry and forest fruits, generous and mouthfilling.	<b>2016</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
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<b>2017:</b> blueberry nose, very deeply hued, dark fruit palate with good acid brightness, ripe fruited, lush and juicy with a dry finish.	<b>2017</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
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### **SV Cabernet Sauvignon** R



<b>2016:</b> mint aromas, overt dark fruits, lots of cassis, dark cherry and wood spice, big and smooth. Great value.	<b>2016</b> 90	<b>2018-2028</b>
<b>2017:</b> deep ruby depth, fresh, tangy nose, lip-smacking acid balance, dry and restrained food friendly, enjoyable younger.	<b>2017</b> 88	<b>2018-2028</b>

**SV Shiraz** R

<b>2015:</b> soft and juicy, ready now, with full spicy dark fruits, not too demanding.	<b>2015</b> 86	<b>2015-2025</b>
<b>2017:</b> mid depth, bright and zingy with explosive fruit punch, ripe and supple and very satisfying.	<b>2017</b> 86	<b>2018-2026</b>

**Credo Chardonnay** RR

<b>2016:</b> mid straw hue, creamy New world roundness, soft and full with mealy and yellow fruits, big and layered.	<b>2016</b> 89	<b>2017-2027</b>
<b>2018:</b> shy nose, rounder fruited, with some weight and hearty but charming fruit clarity, confident and appealing.	<b>2018</b> 89	<b>2018-2028</b>

**Credo Chenin Blanc** RR

<b>2015:</b> attractive nose with oak undertones then full-bodied rich yellow fruit, layered and long.	<b>2015</b> 86	<b>2015-2026</b>
<b>2016:</b> pale gold, glistening yet shy, soft tropical notes, a touch of heat then delicate peach and cream suggestion.	<b>2017</b> 91	<b>2018-2029</b>
<b>2017:</b> glossy mid gold hue, fresh, precise textured nose, lemon and quince and dried orange complexity, wood notes, long and compelling. Delicious.	<b>2017</b> 92	<b>2019-2030</b>

**Credo SMV** RR

<b>2015:</b> closed at present but rich on the palate, with full, ripe, velvet fruit, dark and spicy with black pepper notes, a big wine.	<b>2015</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2016-2026</b>
<b>2016:</b> smoother than '15, with slinky huge fruit impact, forward and punchy with mixed berry fruits and spice.	<b>2016</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
<b>2017:</b> deep and compelling, more serious restraint, chunky and textured with a softer, floral and herb dark fruit finish.	<b>2017</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>

**Credo Shiraz** RR

<b>2015:</b> oak grip and tight yet, but showing complexity and layered cassis and bramble nose to come. An excellent example.	<b>2015</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2017-2028</b>
<b>2017:</b> opaque depth, enticing nose, voluptuous dark fruited intensity, hints of spice and wood, blueberry grippy finish, good length.	<b>2017</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>

**Credo Reserve Pinotage** RRR

<b>2014:</b> bone dry and needing 3 years more, a deep and sumptuous wine which will improve.	<b>2014</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2015-2026</b>
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**The Flagship Credo Petit Verdot** RRRR

<b>2012:</b> matured four years yet looking sprightly, with smoky blueberry and herbaceous notes, long, layered and complex.	<b>2012</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2014-2025</b>
<b>2014:</b> mid weighted, restrained and balanced blue berry fruits, perfumed and tangy, long and lingering, classic flavours and some complexity.	<b>2014</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2016-2027</b>

**Infinity NLH** RR 500ml

**2015:** faintly tropical with lemon, peach and pear, fresh  
and finishes clean, good acid balance, a well-made  
and seductive wine.

**2015 88 2015-2028**