

Stellendrift

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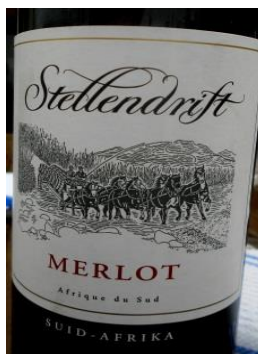
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WO; Stellenbosch



Vintage Score best drinking

Sauvignon Blanc Cynariodes

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2019: steely and flinty with full green fruit notes,
dry and rather muted but satisfying.

2019 86 2019-2026

Merlot (was Cilliers Merlot)

R

2008: fading rim and developed nose,
leafy raspberry and cherry, grippy acid,
best drunk young.

2007 80 2007-2012

2008 85 2010-2017

2016: bright red berry nose, label says pomegranate
and there is, bitter cherry, raspberry in a fruity and
straightforward style.

2016 85 2016-2025

2018: hot ferment possibly as there is a burnt note,
something baked and rather blunt amongst dark black
fruits.

2018 80 2018-2025

2019: a significant improvement, deep dark wood
support, sweet berry attractiveness, balanced and
smooth.

2019 89 2020-2028

Merlot/Pinotage

R

2014: at four years already smooth and harmonious,
with exotic dark fruit and Morello cherry dusty notes.

2014 87 2015-2024

Very nice.			
2017: deeply fruited, and an effectively full blend, with dark bramble fruit more than cherry notes.	2017	84	2017-2026
2018: solid and full of fruit, with a just-laid bitumen note, black liquorice and spice, forward and juicy.	2018	85	2018-2027
2020: surprisingly harmonious and pretty, with smooth fruit enjoyment, great value.	2020	87	2020-2028

Jako's Pinotage/Cabernet Sauvignon R

2005: garnet with brick rim, bigger on palate than nose, liquorice and raspberry with dried raisons. Lean and sinewy, quite European in style	2005	86	2007-2017
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Pinotage RR

2005: mid garnet with a stewed fruit nose, light and elegant with silky raspberry leaf tones. All about texture and structure, classy, not showy.	2005	88	2007-2018
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Kruyspad Pinotage R

2015: premature gamey oxidised nose then leaner fruit than normal, holding on with structure and restraint, just. Probably a poor example.	2015	82	2016-2021
2020: nicely controlled dark blue fruits in a smooth, full bodied and comforting style, very nice.	2020	88	2021-2028
2021: ripe fruit with a dark, blackcurrant note, hints of wood, chocolate and liquorice, great value.	2021	88	2022-2029

Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot R

2013: more Bordeaux-like than many Bordeaux, nicely dusted tannins, dark blackcurrant fruit, cedar and restrained, terrific value.	2013	89	2015-2022
2018: so close to quality Bordeaux, rich forest dark berries, some red fruit palate all wrapped in dusty oak and structured tannins, delicious.	2018	90	2020-2028
2020: black, warming and quite spicy, simple fruited built for early pleasure.	2020	87	2020-2028
2021: unsure of balance here, some acetic edge on the finish, better on day two.	2021	83	2021-2027

Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve RR

	2003	80	2003-2010
2013: at age six showing restraint and harmony, with cedar and hedgerow fruits, sappy and expressive and a great food wine.	2013	89	2015-2025
2015: robust and with wood structured tannins, deep fruits and a hearty attractiveness, with an edge to it.	2015	88	2017-2026

De Oude Opstal Cabernet Sauvignon RR

2005: still full coloured, subtle nose then silky tannins and just medium bodied. Hints of leather and game – a great food wine.	2005	88	2007-2017
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Shiraz VOC / Voluptas R

2013: wood notes but full fruited, quite powerful at 15%alcohol, dark and spicy pepper notes.	2013	85	2014-2024
2015: full and soft, with red and blackberry notes, faint hint of pepper, but an easy-going, inoffensive style.	2015	86	2016-2025
2019: definite CO2 rim throughout, with spiky black fruits, full but with bite.	2019	82	2019-2025
2021: deep and rustic black fruits, some spice	2021	86	2021-2028

and gentle wood, great value.
