

## The House of J C le Roux

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No dwelling in the past here, ultra-modern cathedral like tasting room, rather formal and impersonal, but a must visit for the range of best-selling sparkling wines.

*Vintage Score best drinking*

### Sauvignon Blanc Sparkling R

<b>2011:</b> continuous froth, tropical and green fruits, expressive and bold, pleasant if one dimensional.	<b>2011</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2011-2016</b>
<b>2012:</b> consistent and reliable, zesty and easy to drink with bold fruit.	<b>2012</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2012-2017</b>
<b>2013:</b> big mousse, gently aromatic and with Sauvignon crispness, always reliable.	<b>2013</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2013-2018</b>
<b>2016:</b> hints of tropical fruit and exuberant fizz if short lived.	<b>2016</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2016-2022</b>

### Le Domaine R

Sweet perfumed muscadelle nose, sugary red fruit but quite light. Great for summer desserts.	<b>NV</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1-5 years</b>
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### La Fleurette R

Copper pink, shy nose then rich off-dry strawberry fruit, clean and quaffable. Don't analyse it, just enjoy.	<b>NV</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1-5 years</b>
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### La Chanson R

Ruby hue, frothy, heavy nose then dark, fruity berries as fizzy grape juice.	NV	82	1-5 years
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## La Vallée RR

Very pale, short mousse and honey and biscuit nose. Off dry and soft if a touch flabby.	NV	84	1-5 years
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## La Vallée Rosé RR

Pale salmon, lots of froth, strawberry sweetness. Easy, fun and with perfect weight and nice finish.	NV	87	1-5 years
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## Pongrącz RR

Persistent mousse with aromas of green apple, fresh, zippy and with nice weight.	NV	86	1-6 years
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## Ponrącz Rosé RR

Mid pink, very fine mousse and subtle rose petal nose. Very dry and tangy strawberries. Tight and linear.	NV	85	1-5years
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## Pinot Noir MCC RR

	2007	84	2007-2018
2008: very pale, delicate mousse, light but busy nose, round and gentle in the mouth.	2008	84	2008-2018
2012: dry for Brut, yeasty nose and freshness still. Lacks complexity though.	2012	83	2012-2020

**Pinot Noir Rosé MCC**

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<b>2008:</b> pale pink, shortish mousse, dry, tight with nice flavours at the back of the mouth.	<b>2008</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2008-2017</b>
<b>2009:</b> hint of colour and red berry nuance, short mousse and dry feel.	<b>2009</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2009-2020</b>
<b>2012:</b> copper-pink, sweet entry with cherry briskness, quickly fading mousse, pleasant dry finish.	<b>2012</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2013-2022</b>

**Brut MCC**

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Big froth, grippy yet soft if fleeting. Crisp green fruit.	<b>NV</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1-5 years</b>
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<b>2002:</b> mid gold, fine mousse with complex nose then acid bite and tangy arresting and still fresh fruit.	<b>2002</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2003-2018</b>
<b>2014:</b> mousse is persistent but very frothy, palate is delicate and fine, fruit is crisp but brief.	<b>2014</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2014-2024</b>

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	<b>2002</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2002-2017</b>
<b>2003:</b> light gold, fabulous mousse forever, rich yeasty nose, grippy acidity then crisp apples and slate.	<b>2003</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2005-2020</b>
<b>2009:</b> delicate and poised, with freshness and vitality, not overly yeasty, orange peel and yellow fruit notes, still vibrant at age ten.	<b>2009</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2010-2028</b>