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 WO; Stellenbosch / Western Cape/Coast



Vintage Score best drinking

Premium Sauvignon Blanc R

2011: midway between green citrus and tropical fruited, less brisk than expected, but a crowd pleaser.	2011	85	2011-2018
2013: bright and zippy, with gushing green fruit, lime and grapefruit. Very satisfying	2013	87	2013-2019
2014: citrus up front then guava and tropical spice, clean and fuller finish.	2014	87	2014-2022
2015: lively, but with usual weight and crisp green apple crunch. More classic than usual.	2015	85	2015-2023
2017: overt green gooseberries and citrus, bold and zesty and opening on the finish. Very good.	2017	88	2017-2025
2018: assertive, classic cat's pee nose, then more tropical palate, with zippy grapefruit and pineapple. Clean, precise and compelling.	2018	88	2018-2026
2019: the best yet, bursting with green citrus fruits, classic cool climate New World style, zesty, precise and expressive. Delicious.	2019	91	2020-2027
2020: bold tropical fruit nose, guava, grenadilla and lemongrass, warm exotica and if a touch watery showing steely grip.	2020	88	2020-2028
2021: tiny SO2 on such a young wine, then bright citrus, greener and crisper than the '20, with dry mineral weight.	2021	89	2021-2028

2022: firm mineral dulled steel note then generous tropical fruit, calm yet effective and getting better.

2022 90 2022-2028

Walker Bay Sauvignon Blanc RR

2007 90 2008-2015

Reserve Sauvignon Blanc RR

2017: full bodied and rich, less pungent but layered and interesting.

2017 86 2017-2024

Reserve Elgin Sauvignon Blanc RR

2008 89 2009-2016

2017: quite weighty, with sinewy texture, a smoky yellow stone fruited crunch and polished confidence.

2017 87 2017-2025

2018: pale lemon tinge, gooseberry and asparagus and faint tropical fruits, wet pebbles, dry and zesty.

2018 90 2018-2027

2020: richly aromatic with green apple, yellow fruits and hint of cream, nice mineral bite and good length.

2020 88 2020-2028

Stellenbosch Chardonnay RR

2007 91 2009-2017

Chenin Blanc R

2007 90 2008-2016

2009: lush nose of apricot and peach with creamy oak notes then tangy citrus fruit fills the mouth. Delicious and characterful.

2009 90 2010-2019

Zondernaam Chardonnay

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	2008	85	2008-2015
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Premium Chardonnay

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2013: nicely balanced with clean, rich fruit and enough acidity to keep it lively. Delightful.	2013	87	2013-2020
2017: pale straw depth, citrus and stone fruit notes, light and tight, but rather brief.	2017	86	2017-2026
2018: gentle, almost muted stoned yellow fruits with a tropical bright note, rather brusque in feel.	2018	86	2018-2027
2019: classic Chardonnay wooded sweet butter nose, then nicely restrained palate, lots of summer fruit notes, fine and enjoyable.	2019	87	2020-2028
2020: full nose of mixed summer fruits with a refreshing green apple hint, clean and balanced and feeling classy.	2020	88	2020-2028
2021: subtle yet slowly revealing pristine fruit and some silky mouthfeel, less forward than the '20, but just as fine.	2021	88	2021-2029

Reserve Collection Chardonnay

RR

2010: buttery fruit nose, guava and pineapple but showing assertive acidity at present, wait 2 more years.	2010	88	2013-2017
2015: full oaky notes with peach and vanilla, hints of pineapple in a dry, rather confected style.	2015	87	2017-2025
2016: wood hint, citrus and lime notes, not overly creamy but with fine, piercing fruit and lemon rind zest.	2016	89	2016-2026
2019: aromatic yellow fruits with supportive oak notes, nicely tangy and textured and will add	2019	90	2020-2029

richness and depth in time.

Director's Reserve White

RRR

	2005	86	2005-2014
	2007	89	2007-2018
	2008	84	2008-2017
2011: Sauvignon zip and green notes with subtle Semillon weight. Fresh, fruity and very attractive.	2011	91	2012-2021
2015: mid gold with wood notes over savoury peach fruit, lightish, crisp and nuanced.	2015	92	2015-2026
2017: complex yellow fruit, wax and dried honey notes, ripely forward, layered with orange, herbs and wet straw, superb.	2017	95	2018-2028

Rosé

RR

2014: Grenache strawberry compote, very dry and chewy with nice finish.	2014	86	2014-2020
2016: mid pink, dry and quite full with a softish red berry palate of strawberry fruit.	2016	82	2016-2022
2018: copper-pink hue, ripe and juicy with herbs and bright red berry. Straightforward.	2018	84	2018-2024
2020: delicate tint and juicy red berry nose, some floral notes, dry but a touch confected.	2020	84	2020-2026

Pinotage

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	2007	88	2008-2017
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Limited Release Pinotage

RRR

2018: rich purple shine, fresh and juicy nose,	2018	92	2020-2030
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banana and classic varietal tones, explosive,
ripe and full-fruited, quite compelling.

Director's Reserve Red

RRRR

	2005	90	2007-2016
2008: mid depth, rich dark blue fruits with restrained style but with depths of real quality.	2008	91	2010-2020
2013: hedgerow and eucalyptus over heady blackberries, nicely balanced and long.	2013	92	2014-2026
2014: some fading at four years, opaque heart with spicy, firm rustic fruit and cedar, opening slowly.	2014	91	2015-2027
2015: sweet vanilla nose, opaque depth, lots of cherry and mixed fruits, chalky tannins, pencil notes, smooth and rich.	2015	93	2018-2029
2017: opaque and deeply fruited, tangy blueberries, sweet oak behind, silky and bright and layered, another classic.	2017	93	2019-2029

Zondernaam Cabernet Sauvignon

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	2007	86	2007-2017
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Premium Cabernet Sauvignon

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	2001	90	2003-2013
2009: light appearance, soft and juicy, more structure and polish than brash and showy.	2009	88	2010-2019
2010: medium bodied with approachable blue fruits, integrated tannins and a touch of green leaf.	2010	89	2011-2020
2014: still youthfull, with a dark plum nose, currants and cassis and earth notes, quite bold.	2014	88	2015-2025
2015: vanilla and plum notes, cedar background, ripe and quite classic in briary blackcurrant impact.	2015	90	2018-2028

2016: brisk nose then soft vanilla oak lace tannins, dark currant fruits, staying lighter and delightful throughout, subtle and charming.	2016	90	2017-2028
2017: tightly wound and a touch angular, with dry tannins, briary fruit and charred nose, needs time to knit. Barely memorable.	2017	87	2021-2029
2018: just medium depth and not as dark and dusky as previously, lightly perfumed with gentle cassis fruit.	2018	87	2018-2027
2019: fuller than '18, with dusty tannins and supple dark fruits, smooth and generous and true to varietal.	2019	88	2020-2029

Reserve Collection Cabernet Sauvignon RRR

2016: very dry, with plums and blackcurrants, generous and deep and nicely structured, perfumed and seductive.	2016	93	2018-2029
2017: wood notes and dry, grippy feel, with plums and mulberry blue fruit, will improve on release.	2017	89	2021-2031

Premium Shiraz RR

	2006	88	2007-2017
	2009	87	2010-2018
2010: mid depth, white pepper, toffee and spice nose then bold fruit and big tannins, needs 2/3 more years.	2010	89	2013-2019
2011: not so dark despite Mourvedre rustic bite and black hedgerow fruit. A winter wine.	2011	88	2012-2022
2016: round and fleshy, full of blackberry dark fruit, not overly spicy but warm and cosy if rather imprecise.	2016	87	2016-2026
2017: pale cherry hue, dry and dusty tannins, graphite notes over dark – not too spicy – fruits.	2017	88	2018-2028
2018: bold and simple jammy plum fruits, garrigue and pepper hint, supple and mouthfilling and easy to like.	2018	88	2018-2028

Reserve Syrah

RRR

2013: full with high alcohol, earthy soft and spicy fruit, briar, mulberry and cedar.	2013	92	2014-2026
2014: dusty dark fruit nose, wood tannins and briary, mulberry fruit, dry and tight.	2014	89	2015-2027
2015: purple tinted with tight, velvety fruit, spice hint, squashed currants and lush, silky mouthfeel.	2015	92	2018-2029
2017: deeply toned with weighty nose, dusty tannins and soft mulberry comfort with cedar, finishing full and dry.	2017	92	2019-2029

Tribute

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2011: sweet tobacco nose, juicy dark masculine fruit, lingering yet gentle finish.	2011	91	2012-2023
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Noble Late Harvest 375m

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	2007	90	2008-2018
2016: gold depth and sweet nose, lots of dried apricot and lemon, tactile and rich.	2016	88	2016-2026
2017: lighter gold than '16, with serious marmalade, orange, raisins and cinnamon notes, unctuous and luxurious, very sweet but lively and clean throughout.	2017	91	2018-2028