

## Vergenoegd Löw Wine Estate

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A day out if just to witness the 'Duck Run', this delightfully classic winefarm offers a wide range of well-made wines with interested, un-pushy staff and a picnic here is memorable.

*Vintage Score best drinking*

### Little Flower MCC

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Brut style and quite firm, with soft yellow fruits and few yeasty notes coming through. Bright and straightforward.

**NV 82 1-8years**

### Runner Duck Sauvignon Blanc (was White)

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**2011:** very pale, fruity nose and palate in a lighter style with a dry finish. Easy drinking.

**2011 78 2011-2017**

**2012:** touch watery on the hue and on the palate, pleasant but lacks pow, Fresh Sauvignon bite if a bit short.

**2012 82 2012-2017**

**2017:** nicely weighted, with viscous feel yet holding crisp, apple fruit.

**2017 84 2017-2023**

**2018:** pale straw, tight mineral and steely nose, bright green citrus fruit palate with apple note, brief but zesty.

**2018 86 2018-2026**

**2020:** fresh green citrus, melon and indistinct tropical hint then a fuller, creamy palate over steely dryness.

**2020 87 2020-2027**

**2022:** assumed wooded because of colour and subdued fruit, but oxidation is the culprit, living on the edge.

**2022 78 2022-2025**

## Runner Duck Chenin Blanc R

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| <b>2022:</b> bracing but textured, zesty lime and summer white blossoms, great value. | <b>2022</b> | <b>87</b> | <b>2022-2028</b> |
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## Runner Duck Reserve White RR

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| <b>2016:</b> pale straw and shy then exploding flavours of dried candy and peach, richly layered. | <b>2016</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>2016-2025</b> |
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## Eve White Merlot RR

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| <b>2018:</b> mid straw depth, with appealing savoury nose, sinewy, weighty and staying bright throughout, intriguing avocado and green apple with herb hint. | <b>2018</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>2018-2026</b> |
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## Runner Duck Rosé R

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| <b>2011:</b> pale pink hue, off dry palate of strawberries and fresh, juicy fruit. Very pleasant.   | <b>2011</b> | <b>79</b> | <b>2011-2017</b> |
| <b>2012:</b> gentle rose blush with soft strawberry fruit and a dry grip throughout.  | <b>2012</b> | <b>80</b> | <b>2012-2017</b> |
| <b>2017:</b> pink-red hue, overt nose and juicy red berry compote. Told off-dry but only has 5g/l RS?, tastes dry.                        | <b>2017</b> | <b>82</b> | <b>2017-2023</b> |
| <b>2018:</b> rusty copper hue, sweet, rather heavy nose, sweet entry but nicely dry finish, lots of ripe red berry fruit, simple but fun. | <b>2018</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>2018-2024</b> |
| <b>2020:</b> much deeper red than previously, bone dry with rose water, Turkish delight and ripe cherry flavours, fleeting.               | <b>2020</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>2020-2026</b> |

**Runner Duck Red**

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| <b>2009:</b> very deep dusty nose, dry spices and a rustic, sinewy mouthfeel. Grippy tannins but sturdy fruit.                | <b>2009</b> | <b>82</b> | <b>2009-2018</b> |
| <b>2011:</b> dark blue fruited on nose and palate. Grippy, bold spicy plums and black fruits.                                 | <b>2011</b> | <b>83</b> | <b>2011-2020</b> |
| <b>2015:</b> deep ruby with an attractive nose of spiced hedgerow black fruits. Chewy tannins in balance.                     | <b>2015</b> | <b>83</b> | <b>2015-2025</b> |
| <b>2017:</b> quite deep with a fruity and juicy mouthfeel, red berries, bramble and a spice note, finishing ripe and fulsome. | <b>2017</b> | <b>87</b> | <b>2018-2027</b> |

**Terrace Bay**

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| <b>2003:</b> some visible ageing and developed flavours but still lots of brambly fruit and an earthy, dry finish.                         | <b>2003</b> | <b>83</b> | <b>2003-2009</b> |
| <b>2005:</b> tertiary notes over red berry fruit and lean oak. Dry and best drunk soon.  | <b>2005</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>2007-2015</b> |
| <b>2015:</b> mid depth and weight, shy nose, red and dark berry notes, long and satisfying.  | <b>2015</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>2015-2026</b> |
| <b>2017:</b> forward red berry fruits, dark earth cedar and tar note, smooth and easy yet quite muscular, pastille boiled fruit mouthfeel. | <b>2017</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>2018-2027</b> |

**Coastal Rock Merlot**

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|   | <b>2003</b> | <b>82</b> | <b>2003-2010</b> |
| <b>2005:</b> slight colour fade, an arresting nose of minty cherry fruit. Smoky, woody and very soft in the mouth but with dry tannins. | <b>2005</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>2006-2017</b> |
| <b>2006:</b> sweet nose then bone dry, earthy mouthfeel. Herbal, burnt cherry and textured grip.  | <b>2006</b> | <b>83</b> | <b>2006-2017</b> |
| <b>2015:</b> mid garnet hue, lots of soft red berry   | <b>2015</b> | <b>83</b> | <b>2016-2025</b> |

richness but finishing firm and with promise.

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| <b>2017:</b> wild cherry and underbrush, an earth note on a pleasant wine, but not 'extraordinary' as the label proclaims. | <b>2017 87 2018-2027</b> |
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## Estate Merlot

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| <b>2010:</b> some development showing, with soft, savoury and red berry forest notes, classic and still delicious. | <b>2010 88 2011-2020</b> |
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## Malbec

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| <b>2015:</b> deeply blue tinged, full bodied and youthful, with dark fruit, good balance and compelling intricacy, has years to go. | <b>2015 88 2017-2026</b> |
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## Cabernet Sauvignon

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|  | <b>2002 89 2004-2014</b> |
| <b>2004:</b> rich, deep hue, shy nose of soft blue fruits, oak supports cassis and savoury notes. A serious wine.                                | <b>2004 86 2005-2018</b> |
| <b>2005:</b> sweet fruit and ripe black fruit flavours dominate. Smooth, elegant and still full of class. Drinking beautifully.                  | <b>2005 92 2007-2018</b> |
| <b>2007:</b> still too young, tightly bound and yet to reveal spicy, dry fruits and deep cassis notes.   | <b>2007 84 2009-2020</b> |
| <b>2009:</b> inky at nearly a decade, lots of plums, cedar and dusty tannins, elegant and long finish. Classic.                                  | <b>2009 92 2009-2025</b> |
| <b>2010:</b> released at age nine, showing good colour, developed savoury nose, cigar box and earth with lots of tangy cassis and currant fruit. | <b>2010 92 2012-2028</b> |
| <b>2015:</b> inky shine and notes of graphite and pencil, with dusty tannins, and a surprisingly nimble cassis                                   | <b>2015 90 2017-2027</b> |

note, finishing dry and textured.

## Scion Ridge Shiraz

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|   | 2002 | 85 | 2002-2010 |
| 2003: still deeply coloured, lots of dark, peppery fruit and a dry finish. Drinking nicely now and perfect with red meat. | 2003 | 90 | 2005-2015 |
| 2005: just holding deep fruits but getting drier and needs drinking soon.   | 2005 | 87 | 2006-2017 |
| 2015: deeply hued with a serious dusty, smoky nose and blackcurrant spice on the palate.                                  | 2015 | 88 | 2016-2027 |
| 2017: sweet vanilla wood nose then soft and full hedgerow black fruits, spicy blackberry with a simple, generous palate.  | 2017 | 87 | 2018-2027 |

## Estate Shiraz

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| 2009: still full colour at 8 years, oak notes then ripe, generous and complex, really good. | 2009 | 90 | 2010-2021 |
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## Estate Red

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|   | 2001 | 89 | 2002-2014 |
| 2003: deep core with a touch of brick, dry cigar, tobacco and oak over big fruit flavours. Savoury, chewy and dry; a wine to ponder over. | 2003 | 87 | 2005-2017 |
| 2004: lovely tertiary notes, leather and spice and classy fruit persistence. Perfect food wine.   | 2004 | 92 | 2006-2020 |
| 2007: at ten this is still intense, deeply coloured, and full fruited. Spice, vanilla and blackberries, wonderful.                        | 2007 | 91 | 2008-2022 |
| 2008: deep and spicy, with accessible black fruits, nicely balanced if fleeting.  | 2008 | 87 | 2010-2023 |
| 2009: still purple-plum hued at age ten, perfumed nose, smoky and serious, with clean, deep fruit   | 2009 | 92 | 2011-2028 |

layers, balanced, restrained and long.

**2015:** sappy and sinewy, a wine of structure and backbone with tomato leaf, mint and earth tones, lean and cerebral.

**2015 91 2016-2026**

### Cape Tawny Ltd Edition

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**1999:** still richly coloured, intensely raisined nose and layers of sumptuous off dry fruits. Divine.

**1999 93 2002-2022**

### Cape Colony Vintage

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**2005:** mid depth and not too heavy. Sweet fruit with floral and minty notes then delicious orange peel and mulberry flavours. Quite different and totally charming.

**2005 88 2006-2019**

**2008:** deep, rich and overtly Christmas pudding and dried peel notes, sweet, unctuous and seductive.

**2008 92 2009-2026**

**2010:** opaque, a touch hot, but yielding to classic rich dried fruits, serious and satisfying.

**2010 88 2011-2026**

**2011:** garnet deep hue, bold dried fruit nose, raisins, dates, ripe and smooth, very rich if a touch 'hot'.

**2011 88 2012-2027**

### Territa Cape Vintage

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**2012:** luxuriously smooth and unctuous, with soaked prunes, dried walnut and alcohol-seeped raisins, harmonious and heady.

**2012 92 2014-2030**

