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Vintage Score best drinking

Paradyskloof Chardonnay R

2011: pale yellow, soft, tropical fruit, ripe	2011	83	2011-2017
and rich, lacking acid bite.			
2013: soft, easy going with straightforward	2013	82	2013-2018
flavours and a firm finish. Somewhat dilute.			

Unwooded Chardonnay RR

2017: mixed stone fruit notes, pear and melon, pale and soft, with rich texture and full flavours	2017	85	2017-2025
2018: pale straw hue, very fruity and overt nose, clean and fresh with yellow fruit, finishing full and soft.	2018	86	2018-2026
2019: bright yellow and green fruits, precise and refreshing, opening to a fuller, more lees rich mid and finish, very nice.	<mark>2019</mark>	88	2019-2027
2020: pristine fruit-driven version, with careful balance of tropical richness and citrus freshness, finishing with a welcome creamy note.	2020	90	2020-2028

Vriesenhof BF Chardonnay RR

	2005	90	2006-2015
2011: old gold hue, tropical fruit salad over	2011	88	2011-2018

creamy lees and oak. Full mouthfeel.

2015: cleverly hidden oak and richly fruited,	2015	87	2015-2025
smooth and pleasantly viscous yellow fruits.			
2016: deeply toned with unctuous bold nose	2016	91	2017-2027
and creamy layers, mouthfilling, generous and			
seamless, very good.			

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Grenache Rosé (was Paradyskloof Rosé)

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2015: red berry mix, bone dry and with	2015	79	2015-2021
some texture, if feeling a touch dilute.			
2018: pale tinge with overt berry nose, very	2018	87	2018-2026
fruity but staying dry, full flavoured and ripe			
and long.			
2019: light dusty cherry nose, lots of red berry	2019	85	2019-2025
fruit, kept dry and a nice summer wine.			
2020: lurid cherry red depth, forward dried	2020	86	2020-2026
strawberry and ripe pink grapefruit notes,			
full and viscous but pleasantly dry.			
2022: deliciously crunchy with sour cherry,	2022	89	2022-2028
cranberry and grapefruit, almost peachy in			
hue, just gets better and better.			

Enthopio RR

2004	88	2005-2013

Paradyskloof Pinot Noir R

	2010	80	2010-2015
2011: light purple hue, expressive, juicy fruit,	2011	83	2011-2016
simple but with nice balance and very pleasing.			
2015: pale with a burnt cherry and red berry	2015	82	2015-2023
nose. Slight edge on finish.			

Vriesenhof Pinot Noir RRR

	2006	93	2007-2017
	2008	89	2009-2018
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2010: deep musky nose, spice and raspberries	2010	87	2010-2018
with dusty tannins and a leanness not found			
in 2009. A serious wine but for earlier drinking.			
2013: pure class, clean bright fruit, balanced	2013	90	2013-2023
and lingering with slowly opening fruit.			
2015: simmering and smooth, with cherry	2015	88	2015-2025
fruit. Clean and refreshing on the lighter side			
2016: glossy cherry hue, mid depth, lovely perfumed	2016	91	2017-2027
nose. Smooth strawberry and earth palate, elegant			
and very fine.			

Limited Edition Pinot Noir RRR

2012: succulent primary fruit at age eight, with acid	2012	93	2014-2024
freshness, linear berry expression, harmony and length			
for days. 12.5% alcohol. Wonderful.			

Paradyskloof Grenache RR

2014: wood notes give texture and a smoky, dark	2014	86	2014-2022
note lies over a mid-depth rustic and red berry wine,			
supple and enjoyable.			

Grenache RRR

2016: big and bold, silky smooth forward fruit, spice	2016	90	2016-2027
and hedgerow wild berries, good structure and length.			

GSM RR

2016: spice and violets nose, overt ripe fruity though	2016	88	2017-2027
nicely rustic bite and slight feral hint, great harmony			
and balance.			
2017: hedgerow dark fruited, with gutsy forward flavours,	2017	88	2018-2028
generous and clean and difficult to ignore.			

Royale RR

2002	89	2003-2012

Paradyskloof Pinotage R

2010: purple hue, juicy fruit in a simple	2010	83	2010-2017
style with a dry finish and hints of liquorice.			

Vriesenhof Pinotage RR

2006: still deeply coloured with some tertiary	2006	88	2008-2017
aromas but lots of fruit. Spicy black cherries			
and tannin enough for more years.			
2009: at age ten still with deep garnet hue, good acid	2009	90	2010-2023
and tannin balance, full berry fruit over leather and			
game aging.			
2016: quite light bodied, juicy nose, fruit forward,	2016	86	2016-2025
supple and faintly spicy, some floral note.			
2017: deep toned, smoky blue fruit nose, currants	2017	86	2017-2027
and leather with tar hint and spicy dark finish.			

Bush Vine Pinotage RRR

2013: weighty yet palely hued, lots of plums and blue	2013	87	2014-2026
fruits, somewhat grippy and restrained.			

Paradyskloof Cabernet Sauvignon R

2009: vibrant colour, minty blue fruits in a	2009	83	2009-2017
lighter style, slightly simple but engaging.			

Melelo 375m R

2006	87	2006-2017

Kallista RRR

2005: opaque, more in the French style of	2005	93	2008-2020
structure, elegance and dusty, stylish fruit.			
Long, still needing 2/3 years to really open.			
A classic wine.			
2009: sweet vanilla nose, glossy garnet hue with	2009	92	2011-2024
little fade at age ten, vibrant, fresh fruit still, forward,			
clean and very fine.			
2013: opaque purple, no fading at five years, pencil tones	2013	92	2015-2028
and clean impressive fruit power, rich and complex,			
seamless and fine.			
2015: sweet rich nose, spicy and grippy then opens to	2015	91	2017-2030
classy fruit with wood backbone, still young at age four.			
2016: ruby black with a reserved nose showing dry	2016	90	2018-2029
wood tannins, then silky dark fruit melange,			
compelling and satisfying.			