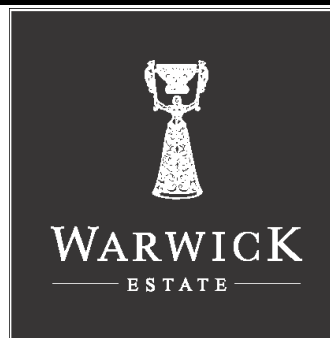


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Expansive tasting rooms but a nicely compact wine range set amongst historic scenery.

Vintage Score best drinking

The First Lady Sauvignon Blanc

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2017: steely and minerally, on the green citrus side, with crunchy granny smith bite, pleasant but simple.	2017 83 2017-2024
2018: rich and fruity, with deep and lush tropical fruit notes, orange and peach, tangy and weighty.	2018 87 2018-2027
2019: fresher, zestier than the '20, bursting with green fruits; lime, kiwi and sweet gooseberry, very nice.	2021 88 2021-2028
2020: overt tropical fruit nose and palate, pineapple and passion fruit forward, fresh and dry throughout.	2020 88 2020-2027
2021: halfway between warm climate tropical and cool climate green, sadly not benefitting, but losing identity.	2021 86 2021-2027

Professor Black Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon

RR

	2008 87 2008-2012
	2011 85 2011-2017
2012: light lime hue, peaches and herbaceous nose then conversely tropical palate – a delicious conundrum. Light but quenching.	2012 91 2012-2018

2017: pale lemon hue, glossy and tight, orange peel and lemon rind, nicely balanced and quite weighty.

2017 87 2018-2028

2020: bright, nimble nose then fuller and richer in the mouth, some lees depth on a mineral dry green citrus base.

2020 88 2020-2028

The First Lady Unwooded Chardonnay

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2011: pale hue, lemons, peaches and fresh clean fruit, a touch light an shortish.

2011 84 2011-2016

2012: deep and rich from lees aging with tropical fruit and phenolic muscle.

2012 87 2012-2020

2013: lighter styled and lighter alcohol (13%) but unlike Chardonnay pointers.

2013 84 2013-2019

2014: delicate and refined, with soft, appealing fruit and a pleasant, brief, mouthfeel.

2014 82 2014-2022

2016: subtle, almost tropical fruit notes, with a nicer nose than palate, lacking some depth and weight.

2016 82 2016-2024

2017: very pale with overt zesty orange peel notes, bright and light weight.

2017 84 2017-2025

2018: just medium weight, fresh stone yellow fruits and mildly tropical, clean and enjoyable if unremarkable.

2018 84 2018-2025

2020: slightly sinewy, textured feel, with subdued yellow fruits, very dry and needing to unwind in time.

2020 86 2020-2026

2021: taut and clean with bright yet interesting warm fruits, again requiring time to relax and show fully.

2022 85 2021-2028

White Lady Chardonnay

RRR

2008 90 2009-2017

2010: vanilla and cream nose then satsumas and pears, fresh and zippy but lacking depth.

2010 86 2010-2017

2011: balanced creamy fruit with depth and

2011 90 2011-2020

richness and a long finish. Classy.		
2016: pale straw, lightly tropical and delicately fruited, swamped at present by oak, needs time.	2016	87 2016-2026
2019: noticeable wooded nose, lots of leesy butter note then soft and full tropical fruit richness, a serious wine.	2019	90 2020-2028
2020: rapier-like yellow fruits, balanced, compelling and very classy, nothing is overblown.	2020	90 2022-2029

The First Lady Rosé R

2015: unique Pinotage notes of talcum powder, Turkish delight and crushed rose petals. Rich and dry, love or hate style.	2015	82 2015-2020
2016: delicate yet lingering rose and strawberry. Nice and brisk but with some weight.	2016	82 2016-2023
2017: rich rose petal summer fruit pudding style, fullish and easy on the palate.	2017	80 2017-2023
2018: pale coral prettiness, seems just off dry, softened palate and rather confectioned, lots of easy pink fruits.	2018	81 2018-2024
2019: red roses in bloom, deeply scented, sweet and fulsome, and finishing reliably dry, lowish alcohol (11.5%) and pleasant.	2019	84 2019-2025
2021: sweetly perfumed and very ripe but an enjoyable dry mouthfeel, full of red fruit intensity.	2021	85 2021-2026
2022: drier and more taut than the '21, still rosewater and summer berries but somewhat hard work.	2022	85 2022-2027

Three Cape Ladies RR

	2005	91 2006-2017
2010: shiraz dominant nose, pepper and spice over soft blackberries. Still needs 2/3 years.	2010	89 2010-2019
2011: purple mauve hue and sweet nose	2011	85 2011-2019

then ripe – almost sweet palate.		
2014: sweet nose, mixed berry fruits, soft and ripe with a spicy bite finish.	2014	84 2014-2024
2015: mid garnet depth, dry and savoury with serious blue forest fruits, still opening at three years.	2015	86 2017-2027
2016: deep purple hue, juicy, forward nose, sappy blue fruits with cocoa and sweet wood notes, supple and friendly.	2016	87 2017-2028
2017: very deeply toned, serious layered nose and dark fruited tight flavours, lots of dry, red berry fruit.	2017	89 2019-2029

Cabernet Franc RRRR

2014: hint of tomato leaf then sweet, clean red berry and herb. Fine and layered and delicious.	2014	90 2014-2026
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Old Bush Vines Pinotage RR

	2007	90 2008-2017
	2010	88 2010-2018
2011: deep nose of cedar, banana and plums. Drying tannins over sour cherry fruit, full and satisfying.	2011	91 2012-2020

The First Lady Pinotage R

2019: mid ruby shine, just medium bodied, bright and forward soft juicy fruits, easy drinking and friendly.	2019	87 2019-2027
2020: ultra-juicy and very friendly, softer tannins with spice note and mixed winter fruits.	2020	87 2020-2028

Professor Black Pitch Black RRR

2017: fruity, bold nose and overt berry fruit nuances, subtle oak, balanced and accessible in youth, very nice.	2017	91	2019-2029
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The First Lady Cabernet Sauvignon R

	2007	90	2008-2018
2010: deep, jammy nose with juicy black spicy fruit. Upfront impact then rustic, rough finish.	2010	83	2010-2018
2012: easy and jammy fruity, with rich black flavours and some edge, if unprepossessing.	2012	82	2012-2020
2013: soft and accessible, with dark grippy fruit and a pleasant, straightforward finish.	2013	81	2013-2022
2014: reliably easy drinking, fruity and dark, but if it was a colour it would be beige.	2014	79	2014-2022
2015: similarly rather anonymous, with dark, juicy fruit and mass appeal, finishing swiftly.	2015	78	2015-2025
2016: deep cherry nose, hint of wood, tangy and juicy with a smooth mouthfeel.	2016	84	2016-2026
2017: red-plum tinge, a lighter, elegant style with a spice hint and fleeting, accessible fruit.	2017	86	2017-2027
2018: deeply tinted with a shy nose then sinewy wood grip on shy mixed dark fruit intensity, needing time to show.	2018	88	2020-2029
2019: initially quite rustic, even industrial, but with decanting shows a gentler, fruit driven side, satisfactory.	2019	87	2022-2028
2020: rather subdued and showing indistinct fruit, needs time, wood and winter berries.	2020	87	2022-2029

Blue Lady Cabernet Sauvignon RRRR

2014: glossy sheen, brooding hedgerow and herb nose, blackberry and intense bright blueberry.	2014	88	2014-2025
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2015: shy, dark forest fruits, spice and savoury texture, dry and muscular but with fine tannins, very good.

2015 88 2017-2029

2017: barrel sample is opaque and reserved, closed at present but showing plush soft fruit, dense and layered and nicely balanced, will improve.

2017 89 2020-2030

2018: tightly knit and needing time, big, blue fruited, with grainy dry wood notes. Formidable in youth.

2018 89 2021-2030

2020: deep and glossy ruby tinted, with full dark fruits and furry, dusty tannins, but staying smooth and approachable.

2020 88 2022-2030

Black Lady Syrah

RRR

2015: full and spicy, with smoky oak and lush fruit weight, will improve.

2015 88 2016-2027

Trilogy

RRRR

2007 90 2008-2018

2009: opaque, complex nose of rich blackcurrant, big flavours, big tannins; opulent and sheer class.

2009 93 2013-2020

2010: inky hue, Cabernet blue fruit dominant, mulberry and grippy tannins yet to settle.

2010 92 2012-2022

2013: consistently good, showing development and leaning toward elegance, balance and restraint. Ripeness and finesse, a wonderful combination.

2013 91 2015-2026

2014: farmyard nose then smooth and full curranty palate, elegant and intensely blue nuanced.

2014 90 2015-2026

2015: Cabernet Franc dominated nose, just mid weight, dry and packed with red berries, hedgerow fruit and ripe mouthfeel.

2015 90 2017-2030

2017: dusky berry fruit nose, wood grip structure and intense fruit core, some forest blue fruit note,

2017 92 2019-2030

deep and rich, lovely.

