

Waterford Estate

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WO; Stellenbosch Western Cape/ Cape South Coast

Pristine estate with impressive Italianesque quadrangle, enticing chilling areas and attentive service. No expense spared here.



Vintage Score best drinking

Pecan Stream Sauvignon Blanc R

	2009	80	2009-2018
2015: glossy and with a delicious, bright nose, fading on the palate and losing its crispy green apple.	2015	83	2015-2023
2019: lots of steely green fruit initially, rounding out with mellow yellow fruit warmth, pretty if fleeting.	2019	85	2019-2026
2021: forward and deliciously crunchy gooseberry and wet grass version, steely, very dry and pungent, the best yet.	2021	88	2021-2027

Estate Sauvignon Blanc RR

	2009	92	2009-2016
2010: rich yellow hue, nettles and gooseberries, zippy acidity.	2010	84	2010-2017

Elgin Sauvignon Blanc RR

2017: light gold, overtly fruity and with a crisp palate of citrus, mid weight.	2017	86	2017-2023
2018: watery hue, guava and faintly citrus nose,	2018	87	2018-2024

crisp and tight, brief but very lip-smacking.

2019: overt grassy, lime and gooseberry nose, fresh and vibrant but with good weight and complexity, a thought provoking wine.	2019	89	2019-2026
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Pecan Stream Chenin Blanc R

2011: mid yellow, herbs and savoury fruit which fills the mouth and is rich and satisfying.	2011	85	2011-2017
2013: touch Viognier lifts an otherwise rich and textured grippy wine.	2013	86	2013-2018
2015: full bodied with firm chunky flavours if feeling less fine than previously.	2015	84	2015-2025
2016: fresh and zappy, but needing time to reveal crisp fruit and a full flavour profile.	2016	83	2018-2027
2017: chunky dried fruit aromas, savoury herb apple crunch, zesty and bright with some character.	2017	88	2018-2028
2018: beautifully clean and aromatic, with rich mouthfeel and juicy ripe tropical fruit nuances. Great value and very enjoyable.	2018	87	2019-2028
2019: more restrained and almost muted compared with the '18, still textured and gently yellow fruited, yet to open.	2019	85	2021-2029
2021: lashings of nicely dry and precise yellow stone fruit, with fleshy peach and a delicious, uncomplicated style.	2021	87	2021-2028

Library Col. Chenin Blanc RRR

2017: mid gold, rich and soft yellow fruit, some minerality and plush, fine fruit, long and sumptuous.	2017	91	2017-2029
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Old Vine Chenin Blanc RRRR

2018: nicely tangy, deceptively intense with lots of	2018	89	2019-2028
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stone fruit and tangerine purity and bright structure,
easy to enjoy.

Estate Chardonnay

RRR

	2008	93	2009-2018
2011: deeply coloured showing use of oak, creamy and full, soft and luxurious.	2011	88	2012-2017
2012: lime and lemon notes in a gentle, full style supported by oak.	2012	87	2012-2020
2015: light gold and overtly buttery, viscous, mildly tropical, but tightens on the palate and finishes clean	2015	89	2015-2025
2016: straw hue, creamy vanilla nose, richly layered yellow stone fruits with wood hint, needs 3 years and will be lovely and improve.	2016	92	2018-2027
2017: bold buttery MLF nose, full and oaky, quite muscular before quality fruit emerges, classy but needs time.	2017	90	2019-2028

CWG Auction Chardonnay

2011: overt vanilla and mealy nose, tangy orange fruit and savoury texture.	2011	90	2011-2021
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Pecan Stream Pebble Hill

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	2007	85	2007-2013
2009: red berry nose, leather and spice notes and a simple fruit style with dusty tannins.	2009	83	2009-2015
2011: seriously rich, dark fruited voluptuousness, cassis and leather and oak, big and assertive.	2011	88	2011-2022
2014: rustic and forthcoming, with bold dark fruit medley. A winter wine.	2014	86	2014-2024
2016: chunky and full bodied, dark spicy fruits, juicy and supple, if uncomplicated.	2016	85	2016-2025

2018: succulent dark fruit, smooth and alluring with enough weight and structure beyond its price point.

2018 87 2019-2028

2020: the best yet, lots of plush dark fruit, soft and laced with vanilla, plump yet nicely balanced and delicious.

2020 90 2020-2029

Estate Rose-Mary

RR

2011: salmon hues, quiet nose, bone dry with strawberry fruit and tangy flavours.

2011 82 2011-2015

2018: very pale tinge, lip-smacking acidity over dry and dusky red berry fruits, rather brief.

2018 84 2018-2025

2019: the barest copper tinge with initial sweetness then roses and red berry notes, finishing dry and a touch blunt.

2019 84 2019-2025

Pinot Noir

RRR

2012: textbook Pinot, lucid, shimmering and delicate, then opening and showing depth of fruit.

2012 90 2012-2025

2016: very pale with classic red berry and feint forest notes, soft, full and fruity and finishing dry and crisp.

2016 89 2016-2027

Grenache

RRR

2015: light and bright, deftly balanced of dusty hedgerow fruit and cherry, still grippy.

2015 88 2016-2026

2016: mid garnet and red bitter cherry nosed, lush and sweet fruit, almost full bodied, bold and memorable.

2016 89 2016-2027

2017: pale and shy, but then exploding on the palate with full cherry and earth flavours, rich and serious if showing a brittle, rather hot edge.

2017 90 2018-2028

Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

RRR

	2006	93	2007-2018
2008: very deeply hued, mint and herbal nose, black, musty fruits. Brooding and serious, deep and complex.	2008	89	2009-2019
2009: quality fruit with lovely balance of oak and tannins. Will improve but already a classy wine.	2009	90	2011-2020
2014: mid hue and weight, intense layered fruit, spicy and deep, deftly handled.	2014	91	2015-2028
2015: full bodied, deep, ripe fruited, lush plum and blackberry, big and long and very fine.	2015	91	2017-2029
2016: good depth, reserved nose then earthy red berry fruit, textured, long and balanced, very classy.	2016	92	2018-2030
2017: pre-release shows tangy, dry fruits, quite bright and forward with pristine blueberry fruit impact. Needs time to show.	2017	89	2020-2030
2019: barrel sample has perfumed fruit notes, strong colour, lovely plum and currant intensity yet remains elegant and not overworked.	2019	91	2021-2029

Kevin Arnold Shiraz

RRR

	2006	88	2007-2017
	2007	94	2010-2020
2008: opaque, red berry nose, mouthfilling and expressive, lots of slightly burnt forest fruits. Needs time.	2008	90	2010-2019
2009: quiet presently, but the harmony and pristine fruit point to a great future.	2009	91	2011-2020
2014: inky still, overtly blue fruited, bluegum jam, still firm and a touch hot.	2014	89	2015-2025
2015: fruit forward style, with big oak notes, dark bramble fruit core, not a peppery version and a grippy dry finish. Still tight at age five.	2015	91	2018-2027

2017: deep and silky smooth, with furry oak tannins,
full bodied and richly dark fruited, built to last.

2017 92 2019-2029

The Jem

RRRR

	2005 95 2008-2020
2007: opaque, soft fruit nose, fruit forward style, smooth and delicate and not overly weighty. Complex and reveals flavours gradually.	2007 93 2010-2022
2011: heavy musty stewed fruit nose, overripe damson and plum, masculine, long, complex and sumptuous, revealing itself slowly. True quality.	2011 94 2013-2028
2012: deeply hued core, some rim fade, brooding nose, great balance and persistence, elegant and fine.	2012 93 2015-2029
2014: lavender and cooked plum perfume, dark fruit showing just a touch of development at age six, sinewy wood, focussed and restrained and cerebral.	2014 93 2017-2029

The Heatherleigh

RR

Overtly yellow crisply fruited, perfumed, enticing
and refreshing despite 90g/RS, clean and moreish.

NV 88 1-8 years

