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With a fantastic view of False Bay, this wholly biodynamic estate has a large range of good value and good quality wines. Staff are attentive and tours can be arranged, the wines have some stars among them.

Vintage Score best drinking

False Bay Sauvignon Blanc R

2012: watery white with fresh grassy notes. Honest and refreshing.	2012 85 2012-2020
2020: crisp and zesty and only just mid weight, with steely lemon and stone fruit brevity, an easy quaffer.	2020 86 2020-2026

Circumstance Sauvignon Blanc RR

2013: lip-smacking dry fruit, green and zippy with some richness and staying power.	2013 87 2012-2020
2017: lovely mouthfeel on a fresh and crisp citrus and green fruit melange.	2017 87 2017-2024
2019: lively and quite viscous, with stone fruits and floral notes, feeling rich and generous throughout.	2019 88 2019-2026
2020: weighty nose then real Chenin-like texture, layered and structured, less fruity and better for it.	2020 91 2020-2027

Waterkloof Sauvignon Blanc RRR

	2008	90	2008-2014
2016: straw hue, rich nose of pineapple, passion fruit and melon, full weighted, seductive and layered, very classy.	2016	92	2016-2026
2019: paler than '16, but its bright floral nose, steely grip and lush citrus and yellow fruit mix show great balance, intensity and length.	2019	92	2019-2027

False Bay Chenin Blanc

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2012: clear, strong nose of oaky tropical fruits with a tropical finish.	2012	88	2012-2021
2019: charming and friendly, its full mouthfeel and softish acidity reveal an aromatic and textured fruit driven wine.	2019	87	2019-2025
2020: ripe fruit nose, some green herb and apple, delicate and enjoyable if brief and straightforward.	2020	87	2020-2026

Seriously Cool Chenin Blanc

RR

2017: light and bubbly, with ultra-dry minerality and a crisp finish.	2017	87	2017-2025
2018: very dry and with enjoyable dried quince texture and full savoury bite, quite rich and very enjoyable.	2018	88	2018-2026
2020: pale and shimmering, with crunchy green fruit and underbrush notes, still withdrawn and promising more to come.	2020	89	2022-2028

Circumstance Chenin Blanc

RR

	2008	92	2008-2018
2012: smoky oaked nose, tropical and stone fruits then a creamy finish.	2012	87	2012-2022
2016: rich and gritty textured, with lush white peach and mandarin. Very nice.	2016	91	2016-2028

2017: very pale, with easy-going green
fruit notes, ripe and full. Needs time to show.

2018 88 2019-2028

2019: pale again, with savoury herb and sage
garden notes, nicely tangy and textured and
serious.

2019 89 2020-2028

False Bay Crystalline Chardonnay

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2012: fresh, green fruits more than tropical
with light touch and pleasing lack of oak.

2012 86 2012-2022

2019: bright and energised, with enough weight
behind its focussed clean fruits, impossible to dislike
and great value.

2019 87 2019-2027

2020: nicely rounded green apple and pear crunch
with some oatmeal softness, brief but pleasant.

2020 87 2020-2027

Circumstance Chardonnay

RR

2009 85 2009-2019

2017: very pale and shy but young and will reveal
stone fruit and big peach notes, quite delicate and elegant.

2019: fresh aromas and juicy, bright feel, with a hint
of peaches and cream, invisible oak, balanced and
charming.

2019 91 2019-2027

Circumstance Viognier

RR

2008 91 2008-2017

2009 90 2009-2019

2012: same smoky oaked nose, subdued fruit
and peach notes trying to emerge.

2012 82 2012-2019

2017: not overly perfumed on the nose then delicious
grapey medley on the palate, touch of sweetness
and very intriguing.

2017 90 2018-2023

Circle of Life White

RR

	2010	85	2010-2017
2011: watery white, crisp and zesty with a creamy long finish and nice complexity.	2011	88	2011-2018
2015: pale straw hue, orange marmalade oiliness, fresh and rich and layered, long and complex.	2015	92	2016-2026
2016: another delightfully oily and rich version, with tangy savoury herbs and yellow fruits, quite cerebral and individual.	2016	92	2017-2027
2017: very palely tinged with a zesty bright notes of white blossoms and jasmine, nicely weighted and balanced.	2017	90	2018-2027

Cape Coral Rosé

RR

	2008	84	2008-2014
2012: delicate berry fruits, nicely dry and with some weight and structure.	2012	85	2012-2018
2015: dry and gritty, with soft pink fleshy fruit, pleasant and refreshing.	2015	85	2015-2020
2018: palest tinge of colour, lightly perfumed then rose petal and red berry dry bite, tangy and satisfying.	2018	87	2018-2024
2019: beautiful vintage, dusky Turkish Delight, smoky and rich, ripely attractive and full, quite delicious.	2019	90	2019-2028
2020: forward and ripe red berry nose, tactile cherry and pomegranate flavours with a sweet hint, a crowd pleaser.	2020	88	2020-2027

Seriously Cool Cinsault

RR

2012: shy nose, mid-depth with overt tannins and dry throughout. Quite rustic.	2012	85	2012-2020
2016: very pale, looks like PNoir, with	2016	87	2016-2026

sweet fruit over oak, smooth, drinking now
and easy-going.

2018: very pale and glossy with perfumed forest fruits and violets, vibrant and intoxicating.	2018	89	2018-2028
2019: deliciously pale and perfumed, with delicate yet compelling tangy cherry fruit, a mocha hint and silky length. Delicious.	2019	92	2020-2029

Circumstance Merlot RRR

	2007	87	2007-2017
2009: bold jammy black fruited nose, with sweet oaked palate and some complexity.	2009	87	2009-2020
2013: mid depth, mid ruby hue, with dry cherry bite and quite firm tannins, will soften.	2013	88	2013-2023
2015: pale depth, bold and full with rich chunky red berry and earth hint notes, sour cherry, bramble and still opening at three years.	2015	89	2017-2027
2016: slight smoky nose but so big, indulgent and full of dark fruit comfort, sensuous, long and a full-frontal style of quality.	2016	92	2018-2028

Circumstance Mourvedre RRR

2016: smoky ruby depth, bright, engaging blue fruits, fresh but finishes short.	2016	87	2016-2026
2017: inky depth, serious ripe nose and sweet fruited, liquorice, fruit cake, mellow and generous, very good.	2017	92	2019-2028

Circumstance Cabernet Franc RRR

2014: deep garnet, mulberry and plum, not herbaceous style, rich, layered and silky and will improve. Excellent.	2014	92	2016-2026
2015: inky depth, serious, expansive nose, earthy ripe fruit, intense and complex and lingering deliciously.	2015	93	2017-2028

2016: layered deep nose, not leafy but showing ripe quality fruit, sweet notes, lace tannins and alluring generosity.	2016	93	2017-2029
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2017: shiny ruby red depths, berry and underbrush nose, tight and fresh fruit profile, dry and generous and young yet. Will improve still.	2017	92	2020-2030
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Circumstance Cabernet Sauvignon

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2010: shy nose then dry, deep and rustic fruit, honest and unpolished and attention demanding.	2010	88	2011-2022
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2015: lozenge smooth but finishing tight, needing time to show liquorice and cassis fruit quality.	2015	91	2017-2027
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2016: opaque, reticent nose, then classic cedar and cassis notes, full and silky smooth, layered and finishing with dry punch.	2016	91	2017-2028
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2017: as deep as previously, with rich yet elegantly offered luxurious metered fruit comfort, structured and ageworthy.	2017	91	2020-2029
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False Bay Old School Syrah

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2018: chunky blue fruited mix, coffee and charred meat hint, quite full and brusque and lacking some charm.	2018	84	2019-2026
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2019: glossy ruby shine and smoky juicy fruit attack, lots of winter berries in a supple and fun offering.	2019	87	2020-2027
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Circumstance Syrah

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2010: jammy nose with hints of spice then rather dried-out fruit suffering from new oak overload.	2010	84	2010-2018
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2016: overt, mid depth, with Pinotage like
liquorice unripe blueberries, different and
enjoyable.

2016 89 2018-2027

2017: very deep with dark fruit smoky oak nose,
dry bite and nicely rustic, a compelling attractive
wine.

2017 90 2018-2028

Circle of Life Red

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2009: shy nose, then heavily oaked spicy fruit,
a touch astringent from new oak.

2009 89 2010-2020

2015: medium bodied, shy nose, full impact flavours,
juicy and bright and a well-balanced food wine, very
classy.

2015 91 2017-2027

2017: dark and brooding and very juicy, with spicy
blackcurrant and red fruit elegance, pliant and effective.

2017 90 2018-2028