

Yardstick Wines

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WO: Stellenbosch / Western Cape



Vintage Score best drinking

Joubert Chenin Blanc RRR

2015: at age five showing mid gold shine, crisp and pristine fruit, rapier-like tangerine, orange peel and young quince, refined, succulent and still a baby. Superb and still improving.

2015 93 2018-2030

Driehoek Chenin Blanc RRR

2016: lots of hazelnut, peach and cut apple notes, fuller and more viscous than the Joubert, still fruit focussed, assertive and distinguished.

2016 91 2018-2028

Bonniemile Muscat Blanc RRR

2017: highly perfumed dried apricot and fresh peach notes, with candied peel but so dry and textured. 10.5% alcohol gives it a fruit juice delight but it commands respect.

2017 89 2017-2026

777 Chardonnay RRR

2017: lots of sappy oak notes and texture, but enough tangy yellow and orange peel fruit to balance this, a serious wine.

2017 91 2018-2027

Newlands Meunier

RRR

2018: viscous, pale tinted and difficult to describe, full of savoury earth and mineral notes, herbs, feint red berry, quite intriguing.

2018 89 2019-2027

Old School Cinsault/Cabernet Sauvignon

RRR

2016: stylish and accessible, with lowish alcohol (12.5%) and piercing lively red berry fruit, nicely sappy, and some smoky charred oak. Classy, elegant and expressive.

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Bonniemile Cabernet Sauvignon

RRR

2016: pitch black with an overt charred black liquorice nose, muscular yet with only 12.5% alcohol, tight and hearty.

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