

## Yonder Hill

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Peaceful setting just off the busy road, with cattle roaming and views of the Helderberg, this estate has some reliable wines and its popular Y range as well as increasingly good reds.

*Vintage    Score    best drinking*

### 'Y' Sauvignon Blanc      R

	<b>2011</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>
<b>2012:</b> very pale, light tropical hints and easy drinking, straightforward.	<b>2012</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2012-2017</b>
<b>2014:</b> easy drinking with citrus and tropical notes and creamy finish.	<b>2014</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2014-2019</b>
<b>2017:</b> bone dry with stone minerality and hint of citrus, but seriously lightweight.	<b>2017</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2017-2024</b>
<b>2018:</b> steely and clean, with slight creamy hint, just enough acidity and mixed green and tropical fruit flavours and mid weight.	<b>2018</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2018-2026</b>

### Benjamin Sauvignon Blanc      R

<b>2020:</b> pale hue, stony and steely citrus nose with green fruit tight palate, pleasant and brief.	<b>2020</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2020-2025</b>
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### Danilo Rosé      R

<b>2017:</b> cherry pink, very dry and with red fruit undertones, light style a touch underpowered.	<b>2017</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
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<b>2018:</b> pink salmon hue, dusty rose petal nose, melon and summer pudding.	<b>2018</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2018-2025</b>
<b>2019:</b> nicely dry with dusty red berry flavours, sensible and not showy, clean and polished.	<b>2019</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2019-2026</b>
<b>2020:</b> very pale pink with interesting dry nose, lots of rose petal and red berry bite, nicely ripe and dry.	<b>2020</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2020-2026</b>

## 'Y' Merlot

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	<b>2008</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2008-2016</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>
<b>2012:</b> little depth and grippy red fruit with some weight and depth of spicy flavour.	<b>2012</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>2012-2018</b>
<b>2014:</b> dark, spicy fruit with dry grip then smooth finish, great value.	<b>2014</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2014-2020</b>
<b>2016:</b> restrained and just mid weight, with bitter red berry fruits, a good expression of a genuine Merlot.	<b>2016</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2016-2023</b>
<b>2017:</b> juicy and plummy, lush red and blueberry notes, easy and with a spice hint.	<b>2017</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2018:</b> steely and clean with somewhat blunt yellow stone fruit attack, not overly bright but creamier and medium bodied.	<b>2018</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2018-2027</b>

## Ella Merlot

RR

	<b>2004</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2005-2015</b>
	<b>2005</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2006-2018</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2008-2018</b>
<b>2010:</b> sweet red berry and vanilla nose, oaky palate and lean raspberry dry fruit.	<b>2010</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2010-2018</b>
<b>2012:</b> smooth, dry, full bodied with savoury dark fruit and some complexity.	<b>2012</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2012-2022</b>
<b>2013:</b> dry and with tannin bite still, nicely used wood and will improve.	<b>2013</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2013-2022</b>

<b>2014:</b> cherry hue, oak notes, young still but with grippy rich fruit and full body.	<b>2014</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2014-2024</b>
<b>2015:</b> glossy plum hue, deep for Merlot, herb, mixed fruits and wood notes, nice texture, good structure and length, a very good wine.	<b>2015</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2018-2028</b>
<b>2020:</b> deeply hued and quite perfumed, with clean and full-fruited body, finishing dry and tactile if brief.	<b>2020</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2021-2028</b>

## **‘Y’ Cabernet Sauvignon R**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2006-2017</b>
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## **‘Y’ Shiraz R**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2008-2017</b>
<b>2012:</b> shallow, jammy red fruit nose and juicy simple fruit.	<b>2012</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2012-2018</b>
<b>2013:</b> lighter styled, with plummy fruit and hints of black pepper, easy going.	<b>2013</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2013-2020</b>

## **Cabernet Sauvignon RR**

	<b>2002</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2003-2014</b>
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## **Shiraz/Merlot RR**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2005-2014</b>
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## **Inanda RR**

	<b>2003</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2004-2014</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2008-2017</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2009-2018</b>
<b>2012:</b> smoky nose, mid depth and weight	<b>2012</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2014-2019</b>

with bite and dry tannins. Good food wine  
but needs time.

<b>2014:</b> sweetly ripe fruit, cassis and spice notes, with subtle oak, will improve.	<b>2014</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2014-2024</b>
<b>2015:</b> mid ruby hue, sweet fruit and good acid balance, rich and layered with tobacco and briar, quite sinewy and will improve.	<b>2015</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2016-2027</b>
<b>2016:</b> opaque depth, bright bluecurrant and violets nose, not leafy or green, but supple dark cherry with tobacco and plums, robust and layered.	<b>2016</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>

## Nicola RRR

	<b>2008</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2009-2019</b>
<b>2015:</b> still firm and tightly knit, but hinting at rich, complex fruit to come, will be terrific.	<b>2015</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2017-2026</b>
<b>2016:</b> opaque deep gloss, vibrant fruity nose, fresh and elegant palate, perfumed, clean and with fine tannins, lovely balanced plummy fruit, delicious.	<b>2016</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2018-2029</b>
<b>2017:</b> deep, again, and tightly structured, with grippy tannins, dusty deep fruit core, opening to more supple and smooth enjoyment.	<b>2017</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2019-2029</b>

## Ankole RRRR

<b>2018:</b> inky deep and brooding if shy, this shows a firm backbone, wood and cassis, ripe and sweet needing time to really sing.	<b>2018</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2020-2030</b>
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