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Platter's South African Wine Guide

4.5 Stars

Land of Hope Chenin Blanc 2009
Land of Hope Cabernet Sauvignon 2011, 2009, 2008 & 2007
Land of Hope Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

4 Stars

Land of Hope Reserve Chenin Blanc 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013,
2012, 2011, 2010 & 2008
Land of Hope Chardonnay 2018, 2016 & 2014
Land of Hope Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012 & 2011
Land of Hope Reserve Pinot Noir 2020, 2019, 2016, 2015, 2012 & 2011
Land of Hope Syrah 2022 & 2018
Craft 3 Chenin Blanc 2021

Tim Atkin MW South Africa Special Report

91 Points

Land of Hope Reserve Pinot Noir 2020
Land of Hope Reserve Chenin Blanc 2015

90 Points

Land of Hope Reserve Chenin Blanc 2020

Wine Mag – Christian Eedes

Land of Hope Pinot Noir 2019 – 92 points
Land of Hope Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – 90 Points

Jancis Robinson MW – Julia Harding MW

Land of Hope Reserve Pinot Noir 2019 – 16+ points
Land of Hope Reserve Chenin Blanc 2019 16 points
Land of Hope Craft3 Chenin Blanc 2020 – 15 points

International Wine Challenge

Land of Hope Reserve Stellenbosch Chenin Blanc 2017 - Silver
Land of Hope Chenin Blanc 2013 - Gold
Land of Hope Chenin Blanc 2012 - Silver
Marks and Spencer Land of Hope Reserve Chenin Blanc 2012 - Silver
Land of Hope Reserve Hemel en Aarde Pinot Noir 2018 – Bronze
Land of Hope Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 - Commended

The Wine Society 2020 Wine Champions

Land of Hope Reserve Chenin Blanc 2019

Robert Parker November 2013

89 Points

Land of Hope Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2011
Land of Hope Reserve Chenin Blanc 2012

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Craft 3 Chenin Blanc

Matthew Jukes

Daily Mail UK – Christmas selection 2019

This STUNNING wine is a collaboration between Alex Dale and his team at The Land of Hope and M&S. Chenin is South Africa's greatest white grape and this incarnation is refreshing as well as having a deeper core of fruit than most – meaning that it can do pre-dinner drinks as well as the main event, too.

Hamish Anderson

The Daily Telegraph Magazine, UK

This is one of the best bottles in the M&S' Craft 3 range, no doubt helped by the help of talent currently on the South African wine scene. Full and textured in style, it has ripe pear, smoke and a citrus pith that chimes with John's lemony chicken.

Olly Smith

Saturday Kitchen BBC UK

"Nice and lemony and lovely. It's made in a really hands-off way, with low intervention. They don't even add yeast, it's just the natural yeast from the fermentation, so it's really silky smooth."

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Reserve Chenin Blanc 2020

Individual with much appeal, 20 (88) Has some skin contact, 20% new oak which intensifies, adds breadth to intriguing ginger-spiced tropical notes. These powers through lengthily on the back of grippy freshness. – 4 stars Excellent

Reserve Pinot Noir 2020

Focus on fruit & freshness, 20 (86) has bright cherry, earthy aromas, sweet fruit braced by firm structure & still grippy, sappy tannins. Should benefit from brief settling. Wholeberry ferment, older oak 8 months. 12.3% alcohol. Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge WO – 4 stars Excellent

Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

(89) Celebrates cab's typical cassis & blackberry notes, richly layered in equally classic structure bound by fine, dense tannins. Medium body, bright & fresh, can already be enjoyed with suitable food. Fermented in 600L barrels, then 16 months older, small oak. – 4 stars Excellent

Syrah 2018

Textbook 18 (87) mixes blackberries & cherries with perfume, leather & pepper. Some spicy/coffee oak notes & soft tannins, generally bright, sappy & altogether moreish. 17 (84) more streamlined. – 4 stars Excellent

Craft 3 Chenin Blanc 2021

Perfectly styled for youthful pleasure, 21 (87) is full of joie de vivre in its green apple, citrus freshness; gentle weight courtesy 10% barrel ferment no interference to steely core; mouth-wateringly dry. Made for UK supermarket M&S – 4 stars Excellent

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Tim Atkin^{MW}

South Africa 2021 Special Report

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91 points

Land of Hope Reserve Pinot Noir 2020

Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge 12%vol

A rare foray outside the Stellenbosch region for Alex Dale and his team, this comes from the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge and is a very decent Pinot Noir. Scented and pure, with some whole bunch spice and texture, raspberry and water melon fruit and a forest floor undertone. 2022-26

90 Points

Land of Hope Reserve Chenin Blanc 2020

Stellenbosch (13%)

Land of Hope sees more new wood at 20% than many of the Chenins in the Radford Dale range and is also a richer and more exotic wine. Pineapple and guava fruit flavours complement the wood spice, with lees and good acidity adding layers to the palate. 2021-23

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Jancis Robinson
JancisRobinson.com

Land of Hope Reserve Chenin Blanc 2019 – 16 Points

Stellenbosch 2020 - 2023

A little bit of skin contact before fermentation and then fermented and aged for eight months in oak barrels of which 20% were new and a little bit of tank-aged wine was also incorporated into the blend. RS 2.3 g/l. Deep gold. Now that's more like it! (I have just been tasting the very very young Craft 3 Chenin 2020 made for M&S.) Nose of honey, wax and flowers. Then delicacy of fruit and just the right amount of acidity. Satin texture and pure pleasure. Even if it's just a little bit short, which suggests it may not have an amazingly long life. (JR)

Land of Hope Reserve Pinot Noir 2019 - 16+ Points

Hemel en Aarde 2021 - 2024

Debut vintage of this wine. Dijon clones 115 (40%) and 777 (60%, whole bunch) planted in two adjacent vineyards and very gently treated in the winery. Eight months' ageing in well-used burgundy barrels. Bright, healthy, medium-intensity crimson. Rather marked acidity and a little tough – I wouldn't mind a bit more fruit in the middle, which I'm sure will come. Bitter-cherry flavours. They have certainly got the sous bois character the tech sheet says they were seeking. It definitely needs food; it's a little too severe to enjoy without it. But I suspect it will round out and be even more fun to drink next year. It's pure and admirable and it's growing on me! (JR)

Land of Hope Craft3 Chenin Blanc 2020 – 15 Points

Stellenbosch 2021 - 2023

This is made by Radford Dale's Land of Hope Education Trust, founded in 2007 as a long-term social upliftment project with the sole beneficiaries being the children and dependents of previously disadvantaged individual (PDI) employees at the winery. The funds provide top-tier education opportunities. More than a million rand was raised in 2019. Mainly dry-grown bush vines, some on granite. 20% spent four months in old oak barrels. RS 2.7 g/l. Fairly rich nose and palate with still a hint of fermentation aromas. Good introduction to South African Chenin but I think it will be more fun in 2021. (JR)

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