

**Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2022 92 Points**

12.5% alcohol. A lovely balance here between the rich pear and peach fruit, with some bright tapering citrus fruit. Nice tangerine finish. Fresh and expressive with good precision.

**Radford Dale Vinum Chardonnay 2022 93 Points**

12.5% alcohol. A bright, fresh style but with some body. Lively citrus fruit (lemon, mandarin) with some spicy grapefruit freshness. Such focus and intensity, with some baked apple richness at the bass end and bright spicy citrus at the treble.

**Radford Dale Vinum Pinot Noir 2022 93 Points**

13% alcohol. Supple and sweet with lovely cherry and strawberry fruit showing nice texture and a slight sappy edge. So juicy but with silkiness and smoothness too. Very fine and accessible. But elegant, too. 93/100

**Radford Dale Vinum Gamay Noir 2022 93 Points**

13% alcohol. There's a second vineyard in the mix this year, and they were able to pick the younger vineyard on the Polkadraai a bit later. Nice depth here with warm, sweet spicy cherry and berry fruit with a slight herby, peppery edge and nice depth. There's a sweet, viscous core to the fruit. Rich and spicy.

**Radford Dale Vinum Grenache 2022 94 Points**

13% alcohol. A second vintage from the Stellenbosch mountain is included this year, in addition to the young vines on the home Helderberg farm. Juicy and vivid with sweet plums and cherries, with pepper and mint notes. Sweet strawberry and raspberry on the palate with a juicy edge, fine green hints and a touch of pepper. There's a lovely finesse to this with good acidity and a sense of purity.

Jamie Goode

**Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2022 91 Points**

Vivid, bright raspberry and blackberry fruit on the nose. Juicy and lively with subtle green herby notes. So fresh, but also rich at the same time. Shows blackcurrant, blackberry and a lively sweet spicy quality. Beautifully dense.

**Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2021 93 Points**

12% alcohol. This is bright, vivid and citrusy with lovely acidity, but also some attractive pear and white peach notes. The keen acid line is the real backbone here: it's got plenty of concentration, but it's made in a linear, incisive style with real freshness, and a stony minerality. There's some mandarin and citrus peel on the finish, adding interest.

**Radford Dale Vinum Chardonnay 2021 92 Points**

12.5% alcohol. This is stony, mealy and citrusy on the nose, with a hint of pear drop. The palate is lively and intense with a stony, mineral edge to the citrus fruit, a hint of peach and pineapple richness in the background, and some bready hints. But the key theme is keen lemony fruit with a twist of pithiness and a tapering stony finish.

**Radford Dale Vinum Grenache 2021 93 Points**

13.5% alcohol. Supple, fresh aromatics of strawberry and cherry with some herbal overtones. The palate is light, fresh and direct with bright cherry and plum fruit, as well as some stony mineral notes and a twist of fresh herbs. There's real drinkability to this light, elegant expression of Grenache. Juicy and supple, and with lots of drinkability.

**Radford Dale Vinum Gamay Noir 2021 93 Points**

11.5% alcohol. This is a very light, fresh, supple expression of Gamay, with cranberry and cherry notes, a slight leafiness and some real brightness. There's lovely perfume and the fruit on the palate is deliciously crunchy – despite the low alcohol, this wine is ripe and it has a lot of drinkability.

**Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2021 91 Points**

11.5% alcohol. Bright, vibrant raspberry and redcurrant fruit aromas with a liqueur-like sweetness and some freshness. The palate is bright, vibrant and focused with a slight sternness under the sleek, fresh cherry and plum fruit. There's a touch of greenness as well as some cedar, adding some savoury elements. This is direct, with nice purity, and superb drinkability and balance.

**Radford Dale Vinum Pinot Noir 2021 93 Points**

12.5% alcohol. Fresh, bright and aromatic with some green herby hints as well as vibrant plum and strawberry fruit. Bright and quite elegant, with sweet raspberry, cherry and plum fruit on the palate as well as some notes of spice, tar and wet stones. This has lovely poise: it tastes quite Elgin-like, with that stony, savoury, slightly grunty twist under the vibrant fruit. Massive drinkability and nice freshness.

**Christian Eedes**

**Vinum Chenin Blanc 2022 90 Points**

Grapes from various Stellenbosch sites. Inviting aromatics of floral perfume, citrus, peach and spice. Clean and fresh on the palate – nice fruit weight before a gently savoury finish. More fleshed out than 2021 – alcohol is 12.5%.

**Vinum Chardonnay 2022 91 Points**

Again from various Stellenbosch sites. Lime, lemon, white peach and a hint of vanilla on the nose. Good fruit concentration and bright acidity before a nicely dry finish. A cheerful wine that's true to the variety.

**Vinum Gamay Noir 2022 92 Points**

Grapes from two Polkadraai Hills vineyards on granite soils, the one planted in 1990 and the other in 2017. Quite heady aromatics of dark cherry, floral perfume and herbs while the palate is that much more substantial than 2021 – dense fruit and snappy acidity, the finish nicely grippy without being astringent. Alc: 13%.

**Vinum Grenache 2022 91 Points**

Grapes from two Stellenbosch vineyards. Cranberry, strawberry, white pepper and other spice on the nose while the palate medium bodied with good freshness and powdery tannin, the finish nicely dry. Well balanced, this is a great example of a "light red" that lends itself to being served slightly chilled.

**Vinum Pinotage 2022 92 Points**

90% Stellenbosch, 10% Swartland grapes. Red and black cherry, floral perfume and herbs on the nose while the palate shows dense fruit, bright acidity and fine tannins (alc: 13%). Wonderfully well managed, this once again shows that the variety doesn't always have to be big and rugged.

**Vinum Chenin Blanc 2021 91 Points**

Expressive aromatics of pear, peach, citrus and cut apple while the palate has good depth of fruit, tangy acidity and a savoury finish. Perfectly styled in the sense of being not too geeky nor too conventional.

**Vinum Chardonnay 2021 92 Points**

A herbal top note before pear, peach, citrus and a hint of struck match. The palate has a lovely clarity about it – pure fruit and zippy acidity before a dry finish.

**Vinum Gamay Noir 2021 89 Points**

The nose shows wild strawberry plus hints of herbs and spice while the palate is light yet flavourful with moderate acidity.

**Vinum Pinot Noir 2021 90 Points**

Subtle notes of red cherry and musk on the nose while the palate is light bodied with pure fruit, bright acidity and fine tannins, a slightly salty quality to the finish. A charming rendition of the variety.

**Vinum Grenache 2021 93 Points**

Red currant, cherry, spice and even a slight meatiness on the nose while the palate shows good fruit definition, snappy acidity and powdery tannins. An elegant and refined wine with both detail and poise.

**Vinum Pinotage 2021 91 Points**

The nose shows a top note of floral perfume before red and black cherry plus a subtle earthiness. Good fruit expression, bright acidity and tannins that are firm but not astringent. Not too underdone at 11.5% alcohol, this a thoroughly modern and very likeable take on the variety.

**Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2018 94 Point**

**Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2020 91 Points**

**Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2019 89 Points**

**Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2020 89 Points**

92 Points

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91 Points

**Radford Dale Vinum Grenache 2021**

Stellenbosch (13.5%)

The vines may be young, at just eight years of age, but there's no denying the quality or potential of this Helderberg Grenache from sand and granite soils. Sappy, red-fruited and intense, with savoury tannins, cranberry and red cherry fruit and lovely brightness and palate length. 2022-28

91 Points

**Radford Dale Vinum Gamay 2021**

Stellenbosch (11.5%)

"Gamay loves granite, so it's well-suited to South Africa," says Alex Dale, who sources this example from two vineyards in the Polkadraai Hills. Light, stony and intensely perfumed, with sappy notes from partial carbonic maceration and a juicy redcurrant and pomegranate palate. 2022-26

**Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2021**

Stellenbosch (12%)

Part of a now extended Vinum range from Radford Dale, this stylish, low-alcohol Chenin Blanc uses a base of 50-year-old vines from the Helderberg and delivers a lot of flavour for the price. Savoury waxy and yeasty, with pear and green fig flavours and negligible oak.

2022-27

**Radford Dale Vinum Chardonnay 2021**

Stellenbosch (12.5%)

Formerly labelled as Terroir Chardonnay, this Stellenbosch Chardonnay is now included under the Vinum umbrella. Picked in three stages for complexity, it's a refined, old barrel-fermented style that nods towards Alex Dale's beloved Burgundy, with pear, lemongrass and subtle nutmeg spice flavours. 2022-26

**Radford Dale Vinum Pinot Noir 2021**

Western Cape (12.5%)

Two sources (Bot River and Devon Valley) and two clones (115 and 777) supply the raw material for this scented, focused, savoury Pinot Noir that shows some clove spice notes from 20% whole bunches, appealing underlying grip and red cherry and strawberry fruit. 2022-27

**Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2021**

Coastal (11.5%)

Part of the Vinum portfolio from the start, this Pinotage all hails from Stellenbosch but is labelled as a Coastal wine because it will include Swartland grapes in 2022. Light, elegant and foudre-aged, it expresses the Pinot Noir side of the grape's parentage, with low alcohol, gentle tannins and sweet summer pudding flavours. 2022-28

**94 POINTS**

Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2015

**93 POINTS**

Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2017

**92 POINTS**

Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2019

Radford Dale Vinum Grenache 2021

**91 POINTS**

Radford Dale Vinum Chardonnay 2021

Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2021 & 2020

Radford Dale Vinum Pinot Noir 2021

Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2021 & 2019

**90 POINTS**

Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2018

Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2020

**JULIA HARDING MW**

**Radford Dale Vinum Chardonnay 2022 – 16.5 Points**

More obviously oaky on the nose than the Vinum Chenin Blanc 2022 with an enticing creamy, smoky, mealy aroma that enhances but doesn't drown out the fruit, which is citrus and melon and a hint of clementine. Deeply flavoured, a little bit of oak spice, firm in texture and finely balanced with a long, fresh finish. GV (JH)

**Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2022 – 16 Points**

Pure, slightly salty citrus aroma with a touch of green apple that is subtly influenced by the oak, showing in spice and creaminess more on the palate than on the nose, and a savoury -fresh aftertaste. Really salty on the finish giving a nicely sour -fresh aftertaste More oomph than you might expect at such a modest alcohol level, thanks, I am guessing, to the brief skin contact as well as the oak, which add presence in the mouth as well as a slightly firmer texture – but not at all tannic. Sophisticated wine for the price. ( JH)

**Radford Dale Vinum Pinot Noir 2022 – 16 Points**

Light ruby colour. Sweet, tangy red fruit, sweet and aromatic without being in the least confected. Vibrant and juicy fruit, more redcurrant and red cherry than strawberry, with a gentle note of oak spice. Definite but fine -grained tannins already smooth, refreshingly sweet/sour on the finish and more savoury on the aftertaste, and harmoniously fresh. In the days of Pinot Noir inflation, this is QGV. (JH)

**Radford Dale Vinum Gamay Noir 2022 – 16 Points**

Mid cherry red. Deliciously scented with pure dark -red fruit and a hint of crushed stones. I was worried this would be less fresh than the 2021, and it tastes as if it is even though the numbers are roughly the same. Perhaps the acidity is more hidden by depth of fruit, along with the higher alcohol, but the fruit is still vibrant, both red and dark -red in character. Silky tannins even now but I miss the peppery quality of the 2021. The oak is well -judged and this may have broader appeal than the 2021, which I loved, even if this is probably a more complete, rounded wine. (JH)

**Radford Dale Vinum Grenache 2022 – 16 Points**

Lightish crimson with watery purple rim. Subtle, red -fruited Grenache aroma, giving the impression of freshness rather than ripeness from the get -go. The fruit is mostly red and scented but it is the finely dry tannins that are the key here, bringing energy and freshness. A step up in quality compared with the 2021. Deeper, longer and more finely balanced. Deliciously dry finish. (JH)

**Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2022 – 16 Points**

Mid crimson. Pure, dark fruit – I'd be hard pressed to identify the variety from the aroma here, maybe because I am not used to such pure, clean -cut and fruity Pinotage. On the palate, firm, grippy but rounded tannins. Really well -balanced between structure and fruit. With impressive concentration and length for a wine at this price. I'd keep this another year in bottle and would expect it to age well. GV (JH)

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**JULIA HARDING MW**

**Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2021 – 16.5 Points**

Rich, pure Chenin Blanc fruit aromas of fresh, lightly spiced pear and very ripe citrus (orange as well as grapefruit) entwined with a light mealy/creamy impression from the oak. There's a tiny hint of reduction, or so it seems, giving it an inviting smoky edge and adding another layer of complexity before it even goes into your mouth. That lovely smokiness and grapefruit zing increase as the wine warms up. Excellent counterbalance between the crisp acidity and the textured richness on the palate. That spicy pear flavour comes back on the finish. Well-modulated and persistent. Great Value (JH)

**Radford Dale Vinum Chardonnay 2021 – 16.5 Points**

There's something similar between this and the Chenin Blanc that I think must come from the site – a sort of spicy richness in the aroma as well as a brightness of fruit. Here the oak is a little more obvious but not intrusive. More leesy oatmeal in the aroma and more creaminess and roundness on the palate, which is also a little fuller-bodied than the Chenin but still with a delightfully low alcohol level given the richness of flavours. A very good balance between freshness and layered texture. Persistent but still light on its feet for a barrel-fermented wine. Great Value (JH)

**Radford Dale Vinum Gamay Noir 2021 – 16.5 Points**

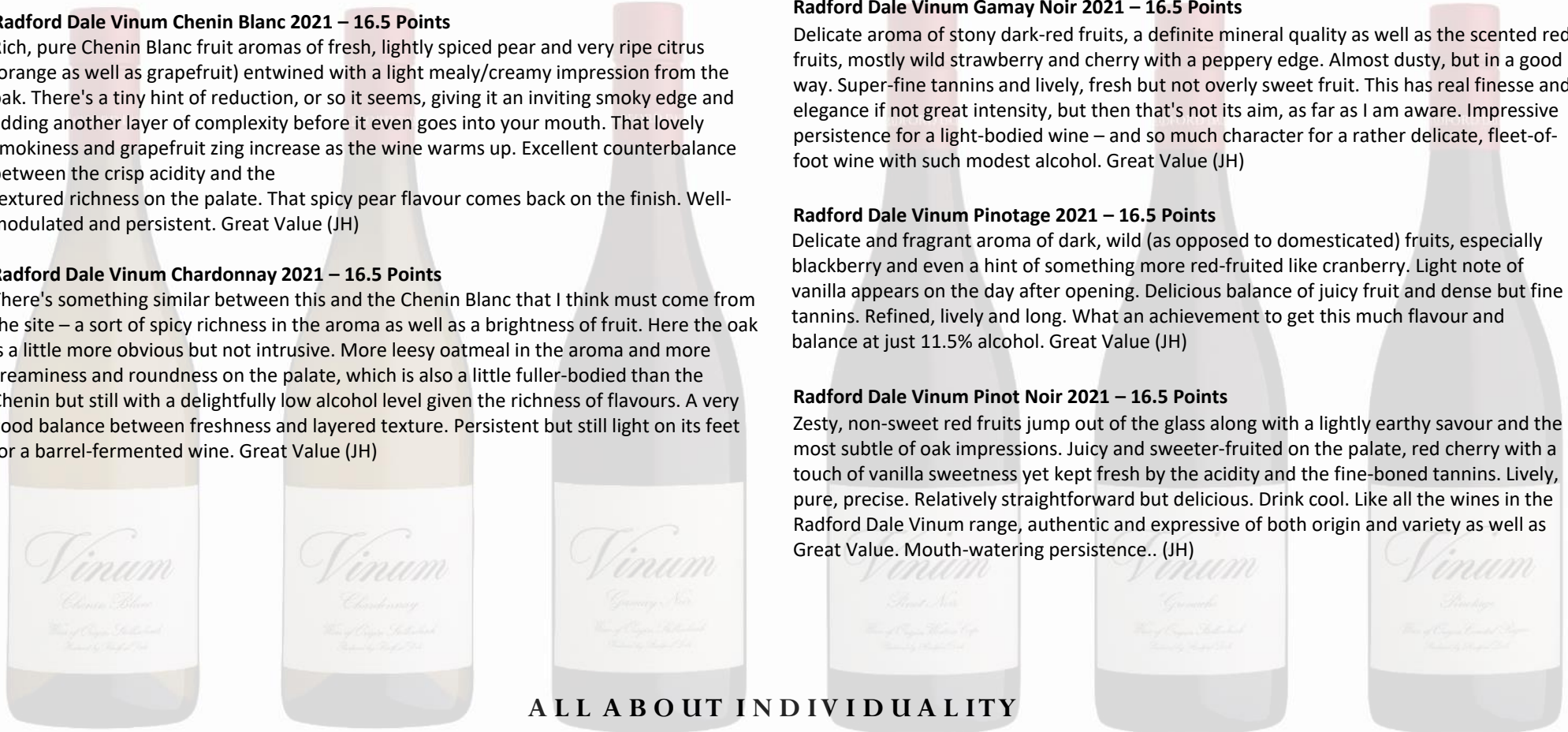
Delicate aroma of stony dark-red fruits, a definite mineral quality as well as the scented red fruits, mostly wild strawberry and cherry with a peppery edge. Almost dusty, but in a good way. Super-fine tannins and lively, fresh but not overly sweet fruit. This has real finesse and elegance if not great intensity, but then that's not its aim, as far as I am aware. Impressive persistence for a light-bodied wine – and so much character for a rather delicate, fleet-of-foot wine with such modest alcohol. Great Value (JH)

**Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2021 – 16.5 Points**

Delicate and fragrant aroma of dark, wild (as opposed to domesticated) fruits, especially blackberry and even a hint of something more red-fruited like cranberry. Light note of vanilla appears on the day after opening. Delicious balance of juicy fruit and dense but fine tannins. Refined, lively and long. What an achievement to get this much flavour and balance at just 11.5% alcohol. Great Value (JH)

**Radford Dale Vinum Pinot Noir 2021 – 16.5 Points**

Zesty, non-sweet red fruits jump out of the glass along with a lightly earthy savour and the most subtle of oak impressions. Juicy and sweeter-fruited on the palate, red cherry with a touch of vanilla sweetness yet kept fresh by the acidity and the fine-boned tannins. Lively, pure, precise. Relatively straightforward but delicious. Drink cool. Like all the wines in the Radford Dale Vinum range, authentic and expressive of both origin and variety as well as Great Value. Mouth-watering persistence.. (JH)



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**17 POINTS**

Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2019

**16.5 POINTS**

Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2017  
 Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2020  
 Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2019  
 Radford Dale Vinum Pinotage 2018

**Decanter**

**94 Points**

Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2015

**93 Points**

Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2018

**90 Points**

Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2012  
 Radford Dale Vinum Chenin Blanc 2017

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