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Reviews



Platter's South African Wine Guide

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Full Berry Fermentation Pinotage 2019

David Lawrason – 89 points Michael Godel – 88 points John Szabo, MS – 87 points <u>Five Star value</u>

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Sara D'Amato – 88 points Michael Godel – 88 points John Szabo, MS – 87 points David Lawrason – 86 points

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Reserve Pinot Noir 2020 – 4 stars, Excellent & good value ****

Alluring ruby lights, generous dark cherry& clean earth attractions on 20 (86). Comfortably textured with soft tannins & brisk fruity acid all complement centre-stage fruit. Like 19 (85), wholeberry ferment, 2 months older oak

Full Berry Fermentation Pinotage 2021 – 4 stars, Excellent & good value

Most attractive 21(86); pure-fruited with plenty juicy raspberry, mulberries freshened by zesty but unharsh tannins. Youthfully enjoyable, can even take light chilling, WO W Cape, as Pinot, rest Stellenbosch.

Mountainside Syrah 2021 – 4 stars, Excellent & good value 🗙 🗙 ★

Attracts with dark soft berries & spice, smooth, rich texture. Freshness & a little squeeze of grip add form to 2021 without deterring from ready enjoyment of lovely fruit. 50% older oak, 5 months. (86)

Oceanside Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot 2021 - 3.5 stars 🗙 🗙 📩

Medium bodied, with bright plummy fruit, crunchy, fresh tannins & juicy flesh. Just under half oaked to round but not dim tasty flavours on 2021. Coastal WO. (85)

Unoaked Chardonnay 2022 – 3.5 stars ****

Zesty 2022 has bright limy fruit, broadened by creamy lees. Crisply dry for refreshing summer sipping. (85)

Bush Vine Chenin Blanc 2022 – 3.5 stars 🗙 🗙 📩

Juicy pear flavours, some creamy lees & fruity dryness, 2022 offers no-fuss, youthful drinking. Stellenbosch WO. (83)



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Unoaked Chardonnay 2019

92 Points - Carolyn Evans Hammond

It gleams a gorgeous sunlit yellow in the glass, exudes bright aromas of orange zest and lemon squirt, then floods in with broad citrusy flavour. The fruit is saturated and pure with an almost oily texture that's perfectly balanced with lively, mouth-watering acidity. This wine is dry, vivid, and lingers for ages on the finish. Just a delight. Especially served with baked brie with some toasted bread, or fish and chips.

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Bush Vine Chenin Blanc 2019

"A great introduction to South Africa's classic white grape and an amazing value. No surprise the winery's mottos is delicious, value for money wines. This Chenin more than lives up to that promise." Marc Staples - Vintages



Full Berry Fermentation Pinotage 2019

89 points - David Lawrason

Here's a fine little pinotage true to its roots - being pinot noir on one side of the crossing and pale, fruity cinsault on the other. Those who seek to make more of pinotage than it was intended to be are missing the mark, and making a mess of it. This is fairly pale, light bodied, fresh and energetic with currant/raspberry (almost Chianti like), a touch of tartare meatiness, fresh herbs (thyme). Flavour depth and focus are very good to excellent. Just a hint of rounding sweetness on the finish. Chill a bit and enjoy as a fresh, lively red. Tasted August 2020.

88 - points Michael Godel

A mini Radford Dale so to speak with winemaker Jacques de Klerk at the helm for what is very modern thinking and progressive Pinotage. Though the cost is a mere few Rand in the hand, that does not speak to an antiquated style, in fact the freshness and varietal transparency is very much alive in this baby Frankenstein. Crunchy and red fruit driven with just a brush-cut of hair on the tongue. Fine stuff really. Drink 2020-2023. Tasted August 2020.

87 points - Five Star value - John Szabo, MS

A "carbonic" style pinotage, which is to say fermented with whole bunches in the fashion of Beaujolais, this is a bright and fruity, clean, immediately engaging example of pinotage, with ultra-light tannins, almost non-existent, and comfortable acids. This is a wine full of the zeitgeist, designed to chill down like a white, crack and enjoy anywhere, anytime. An outdoor picnic would be fun. Tasted August 2020.

Bush Vine Chenin Blanc 2019

88 points - Sara d'Amato

A bright chenin blanc, characterful with a salty vivacity. Compellingly aromatic and overall quite appealing. Great value with a pure and revealing nature. Notes of almond and green apple on the finish of good length. Tasted March 2021.

88 points – Michael Godel

Yes it's true, this is chenin blanc from bush vines in Stellenbosch and not ones that just went into the ground. Age and the looming Heldeberg make for more than a pretty vista and a cliché. While Winery of Good Hope and chenin blanc are entry-level as opposed to the Vinum and single-vineyard Radford Dale labels they are still made by the notorious duo of winemaker Jacques de Klerk and Proprietor Alex Dale. This is cracking lekker chenin, tart and vital, precise as it gets for \$14. This is a wine that every wine drinker in Ontario should try, if only there were enough to go around. Drink 2021-2023. Tasted March 2021.

87 points - John Szabo, MS

Really a very flavourful and characterful wine for the money here from SA. There's notable acetic acid in a cider-like expression, but beyond that, the appley fruit is pronounced, while acids and some lingering CO2 lift the palate, and length is good. Lots of character for the money. Tasted March 2021.