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MATURATION REPORT | 2022

YOUR PATIENCE WILL BE REWARDED

Allowing wines that deserve to age the **necessary time to evolve** should not be too difficult if you have **developed a love and appreciation for the beauty** of older wines' **elegant** and **mellow maturity**.

Having your **liquid investment mature under optimal conditions** at the **Bergkelder Vinotèque** permits **gorgeous changes to occur** in the bottle - your wine becomes **softer** and **better balanced**, while also adding **complexity and depth of character**. Opening one of your wines **after years of maturation** should be one of **life's ultimate pleasures** - simply sit back, relax and enjoy.



Micheal van Deventer

Vinoteque Manager

Each year, our panel of **wine connoisseurs** come together to **evaluate all our wines**. The results are shared with our members in our annual maturation report, which **provides guidance** as to when your wines are ready to enjoy.



FURTHER MATURATION RECOMMENDED

Further maturation is recommended to reach the wines full potential.



CAN BE ENJOYED NOW, BUT WILL IMPROVE

Although these wines are already drinking well we are of the opinion that they should improve over the short-term, your choice.



MATURED AND READY TO BE ENJOYED

It is recommended that these wines should be withdrawn and enjoyed, please contact us to arrange for delivery to your door.

Please note that wines reported as **“Ready to be enjoyed”** or **“Drink now”** in previous reports are **not included in this report** and we recommend that you contact us immediately to arrange for delivery as these wines will not benefit from further time in the cellar.

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Allesverloren

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01 ALLESVERLOREN 1704 Red | 2017



A bit of a beast in its youth, the 1704 displays toasty oak, kirsch, prunes and smoke. Full-bodied in style and a step up in boldness from the varietal range, this unorthodox blend of Shiraz and Tinta Barocca has proper ripeness and concentration.



Enjoy **2021 - 2026**

02 ALLESVERLOREN 1704 Red | 2018



Burly, robust, full-bodied red that displays sweet porty undertones from ripe Tinta Barocca, wrapped in rich spice and dark chocolate. Firm, unyielding tannins are still masking the promising exotic dark fruit. Needs time to mellow.



Requires a bit more patience. Best **2023 - 2028**

03 ALLESVERLOREN Cabernet Sauvignon | 2014



Beautiful bright, youthful colour. Dusty intro with cedar and wet earth folds away into sour cherry, red currant and tobacco with aeration. Earthy notes continue on the palate that is gently mature, wrapping soft dark fruit in velvety tannins. Possible to keep a little longer, although recommended enjoyment now while at its peak.



Enjoy **2022 - 2025**

04 ALLESVERLOREN Cabernet Sauvignon | 2015



Not improving in time. The 2015 is unable to temper that lasting bitterness, while the bold fruit is fading. Black tea leaf, Kirsch, olives and cocoa. Tannins and phenolics may soften further, but I don't see the fruit backing up more ageing. Best enjoyed soon with hearty grilled red meat dishes.



Enjoy **2022 - 2024**

05 ALLESVERLOREN Cabernet Sauvignon | 2016



Leather and cloves over pruned black fruit, with the characteristic earthy, dusty note of this Cabernet Sauvignon still present. Time has allowed oak and tannin integration while elevating the dry, ripe vintage in mature balsamic and stewed plums towards the finish. Best enjoyed over the short term.



Enjoy 2022 - 2023

06 ALLESVERLOREN Cabernet Sauvignon | 2017



Harmonious aromatic interplay between dark fruit, crushed herbs and dark chocolate notes coming from élevage in oak. Macerated plums with mint, black olives and coffee linger on the palate. Slightly bitter, grippy tannins still present, will likely improve with further ageing.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Best 2023 - 2027

07 ALLESVERLOREN Cabernet Sauvignon | 2018



Blackcurrant and cherries are currently masked by the dusty, minty notes that are typical of this Cabernet Sauvignon. Tea leaf, ground walnuts and brooding black fruit. Pronounced, youthful tannins and acidity requires further cellaring to soften and develop some tertiary complexity.



Requires a bit more patience. Enjoy 2023 - 2028

08 ALLESVERLOREN Fine Old Vintage | 2008



Bramble and youngberry jam, butcher's spice, molasses, roasted hazelnuts. This has an attractive dry structure and elegance on the palate that makes it one of the more food-friendly vintages. Superb length. Ready now, in complete harmony, but also promises fine development.



Enjoy 2022 - 2027+

09 ALLESVERLOREN Fine Old Vintage | 2009



Smells like Christmas, with mulled wine, roasted chestnuts and brandy fruitcake. Perfumed and very sweet, yet striking a fine balance between sweetness and alcohol on the palate that has nut praline, finished off with lingering spicy fruit and a hint of dark chocolate. Ready to warm any winter.



Enjoy 2022 - 2027+

10 ALLESVERLOREN Fine Old Vintage | 2012



Showing a little disjointed, revealing oak and alcohol that needs integration. Rum and raisin flavour profile, on the ripe side. The palate is sweet and burly. Allow time to mellow.



Requires a bit more patience. Enjoy 2023 - 2028

11 ALLESVERLOREN Red Muscadel | 2019



Sultanas and Turkish delight with white chocolate. Decadently sweet and a little syrupy in its youth, requiring further cellaring to build complexity or a garnish of lemon zest if drinking now.



Requires a bit more patience. Enjoy 2025+

12 ALLESVERLOREN Shiraz | 2017



The 2017 Shiraz has clearly benefited from time in bottle, having softened the grippy edges and allowed the spicy varietal perfume through. Bright red fruit, complemented by heady spice and savoury nuance. Enjoy over the next 3 to 4 years.



Enjoy 2022 - 2026

13 ALLESVERLOREN Shiraz | 2018



Fragranced and lively, the 2018 follows recent vintage expressions showing earlier accessibility and bright red fruit with violets and spice. Steely, dry finish. Delicious now, better in a year or so.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Enjoy 2022 - 2027

14 ALLESVERLOREN Tinta Barocca | 2016



Robust and rustic, the 2016 Tinta Barocca is holding up very well, not showing much tertiary character, and still packing lots of flavour punch and palate grip. Enjoy now as a perfect braai companion with its wild berry fruit and spicy notes, or comfortably keep for a few more years.



Enjoy 2022 - 2026

15 ALLESVERLOREN Tinta Barocca | 2017



Wild berries, aromatic spice and burly tannins are tempered by warming vanilla and rich coffee notes from oak élevage. Open knit and expressive, and showing lovely plush balance after 5 years in bottle. Impressively wide drinking window.



Enjoy 2022 - 2027

16 ALLESVERLOREN Touriga Nacional | 2018



Attractive dark fruit marries baking spice, coffee and sweet coconut shavings from barrel maturation. Deep, ripe dark fruit with a fair amount of extraction. The more serious and heavier expression of the Allesverloren Portuguese varietal reds, with ripeness and oaking to underline that. Will improve over short term cellaring.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Enjoy 2022 - 2026

17 ALLESVERLOREN

Tres Vermelhos | 2016



Releasing some intense ripe red and blackberries on the nose that includes bitter cherries, mulberries and black olive. A deep and brooding palate has dark chocolate and intense spicy fruit, supported by commanding, fine tannins. Powerful structure to this red that is largely unyielding. Enjoy comfortably over the next 5 years.



Enjoy 2022 - 2027

18 ALLESVERLOREN

Tres Vermelhos | 2017



The Tres Vermelhos uses new oak cleverly to complement the varietal burly, wild fruit and spice. Coffee and dark chocolate folds over bramble and Turkish delight. Time in the cellar has integrated the oak with the sweet fruit and polished the grainy tannins. A red for winter. Enjoy comfortably over the next 5 years.



Enjoy 2022 - 2027

01 **ALTO** Cabernet Sauvignon | 2012



Ageable Cabernet Sauvignon that retains its steely, peppery, dry flavour profile while simultaneously developing a complex array of tertiary savoury notes of cured meat, leather and tobacco. Slight hints of pruned fruit towards the tail that also has dark chocolate and mint. Good structure integrity, although likely at its peak now.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

02 **ALTO** Cabernet Sauvignon | 2015



Back on top, the 2015 is pure class after 10 years. Essential Alto Cabernet Sauvignon in a top vintage. Pure and expressive, with a marriage of red and black fruits, and savoury herbs. Focussed and energised, but also gloriously plush and seamless. A highlight that will provide drinking pleasure for years to come.



Enjoy 2022 - 2030

03 **ALTO** Cabernet Sauvignon | 2016



Deep, rich and intense with great balance between structure and finesse. Fine grained tannins. Generosity of texture and depth.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Best 2022 - 2028

04 **ALTO** MPHS | 2015



Powerful elegance for a great vintage. Well balanced fruit, structure and acidity.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Best 2022 - 2027

05 ALTO Red Blend | 2010



Notable tertiary development to the 2010 that also still shows the concentration of the vintage with masculine dark fruit. Leather, tobacco and tea leaf notes now bring complementing complexity to baked plums and coffee roast. Although still powerful and expressive, this is no longer improving and should be enjoyed over the coming years.



Enjoy 2022 - 2024

06 ALTO Rouge | 2013



Cabernet Franc's dominance in the 2013 integrates herbaceous perfume with lively red fruit and minty spice. Only a hint of nutty bottle age notes that is nothing but alluring. Medium-bodied elegance that has matured into complete balance and harmony. Very appetising. A great dinner companion.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

07 ALTO Rouge | 2015



Maturing nicely, with the plush, plummy fruit looking ripe, rich and quite opulent for Rouge. Packing lots of power and concentration with tightly packed dark fruit on the palate, framed by grippy tannins. Makes a strong statement for the seriousness and ageability of the Alto Rouge. Dark chocolate with prunes and mint. In its drinking window for those looking for more fruit, yet certainly stable and worthy of cellaring, especially in the Magnum bottles.



Enjoy 2022 - 2027

08 ALTO Rouge | 2016



Redcurrants, pepper and sandalwood interplay with darker, savoury notes that include olives and pancetta. Lots of life on the palate that is composed, fine and fairly seamless. No doubt about the ageability of this stalwart red blend.



Enjoy 2022 - 2026

09 ALTO Rouge | 2017



Short term cellaring rewarded with the 2017 having shed the baby fat and emerging beautifully. Showing a brightness of fruit and spicy perfume along with complementing touches of vanilla. Delicious now, but likely to improve a little more.



Enjoy 2021 - 2027

10 ALTO Shiraz | 2015



New World expression of Shiraz, the 2015 is bold and heady, and quite simply over-oaked. Sweet mocha and charred oak over jammy black fruit and roasting spices. A fleshy, full palate that has a dry, olive powder-like tail, offsetting the stewed fruit that is now showing lots of maturity. Best enjoyed over the next to -3 years.



Enjoy 2022 - 2024

11 ALTO Shiraz | 2016



Bold and spicy, leaping from the glass with varietal aromatics. Blackcurrant, roasting spices, pepper and violets, with toasty new oak (component American oak) in support. Full-bodied with savoury intensity, the modern, New World winemaking allows the wine to be generous in youth, while the powdery, drying tannins on the finish suggest legs to go.



Enjoy 2022 - 2026

01 CHATEAU LIBERTAS Chateau Libertas | 1994



There is bottle variation with this wine, but good bottles like this are great. Red berries, fudge, riverbed and leather. The palate is incredibly light-footed and fine. Vibrant, mouth-watering finish. A remarkably, elegant, medium-bodied golden oldie that offers incredible value and pleasure at the price. Could this possibly become as good as the legendary '60s?



Enjoy **2022 - 2027+**

02 CHATEAU LIBERTAS 80th Birthday Edition | 2010



Coconut cream over flabby, overripe fruit. Clumsy and forced, the 80-year anniversary bottling is a far cry from the classic, elegant wines from the mid-20th century. Mature.



Enjoy **2022 - 2023**

DURBANVILLE HILLS

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01 DURBANVILLE HILLS Bastion Red Blend | 2011



Lighter appearance to previous vintages, showing slight ageing variation to the colour. Medium-bodied red blend that has red plums, white pepper, cherry tomato and tea with cream. The fine, elegant palate is now silky and harmonious. No obvious signs of oak influence. Ready to drink, with lasting potential.



Enjoy **2022 - 2024**

02 DURBANVILLE HILLS Collectors Reserve The Castle of Good Hope Cabernet Sauvignon | 2018



Getting better in the bottle, the 2018 is full and dark in profile, offering black fruit and olives along with the typical herbal tones and a lick of sweet coffee. Remaining savoury at the core, yet already more polished and accessible than last year. There is further potential to unlock.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Best **2022 - 2025**

03 DURBANVILLE HILLS Collectors Reserve The Cape Garden Chenin Blanc | 2017



Wet wool intro along with an oily kerosene note having developed in bottle. The palate has lovely weight and complexity, boasting ripe yellow stone fruits and salted rye biscuits, and retaining freshness. Lees stirring notable on the creamy texture with a saline farewell. Perfect balance reached between fruit freshness and a savoury, tertiary complexity. Ready to be enjoyed.



Enjoy **2022 - 2024**

05 DURBANVILLE HILLS

Collectors Reserve
The Lighthouse
Merlot | 2017



Bramble, spiced macerated plums, smoke and chocolate. The palate shows its ripeness and spiry warmth, with the fruit starting to appear a little stewed, propped up by grippy tannins. The 2017 is now mature and ready to be enjoyed over the short term.



Enjoy 2022 - 2023

06 DURBANVILLE HILLS

Collectors Reserve
The Lighthouse
Merlot | 2018



Steely and youthful, the 2018 has bright red fruit along with wild dark berries and crushed blue gum leaf. A hint of vanilla adds softness to the mouth-watering palate with good intensity and length. This is clearly young, with legs to go, but I would argue it's the best time for the Merlot to be enjoyed.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

07 DURBANVILLE HILLS

Collectors Reserve
The Promenade
Pinotage | 2016



A stylistic deviation for Durbanville Hills, more expressive of cool-climate origin, the 2016 has a light 12.5% ABV and grippy acidity. Typical varietal indicators on the nose include wild blackberries, coconut, plum and tar, leading to a savoury and rustic, yet well- rounded palate. Ready to be enjoyed as a braai companion.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

08 DURBANVILLE HILLS

Rhinofields Shiraz | 2008



Stewed dark fruits, black pepper, coffee, and dates. The toasty barrel notes that the wine had in its youth are now integrated into the rich, mature flavours of coffee, tobacco and salted toffee. Soft, rich and round. Ready to drink.



Enjoy 2022 - 2023

FLEUR DU CAP

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01 FLEUR DU CAP Cabernet Sauvignon | 2013



Pleasant interplay between tea leaf and olive tapenade with dark chocolate and vanilla. Like other vintages in this range, the 2013 is ageing well and remarkably slowly. Dusty capsicum notes to the fine palate that is dry and earthy, yet very fine and stable.



Enjoy 2022 - 2024

02 FLEUR DU CAP Cabernet Sauvignon | 2014



Pencil shavings, Origanum and redcurrants. Sound purity and balance on the palate, with the herbal notes tempered by sweet vanilla and soft fruit, and the tannins and acidity softened with bottle age. Ready to enjoy now, but no haste required.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

03 FLEUR DU CAP Cabernet Sauvignon | 2015



The 2015 is looking well rounded and complete. Cassis, mint chocolate, red bell pepper, cedar and even violets. Effortless harmony on the palate that is light and fragrant, yet finely structured with the ever-present savoury tannins on the long finish. Will improve further over the short term.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Best 2022 - 2025+

04 FLEUR DU CAP Cabernet Sauvignon | 2016



Youthful, bright cassis and sour cherry combine with green tea and cranberry in this fruit-driven Cabernet Sauvignon with typical Fleur du Cap lightness of touch and juicy acidity. The palate is complemented by a touch of sweet vanilla from light oaking that offers a welcome richness to the soft finish.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Best 2022 - 2025+

05 FLEUR DU CAP Cabernet Sauvignon | 2017



Darker and riper in profile, the 2017 shows blackcurrant and plums with just a supporting hint of mint and brooding toasty oak. Looking a little clunky at the moment, best to cellar further.



Requires a bit more patience. Enjoy 2023 - 2026

06 FLEUR DU CAP Cabernet Sauvignon | 2018



Typical marriage of red and black fruit with crushed herbs and a lick of vanilla from small component oak. The 2018 packs a lot of flavour into a medium-bodied frame, with polished early accessibility, but also enough firm tannins and acidity for further cellaring.



Requires a bit more patience. Enjoy 2023 - 2026

07 FLEUR DU CAP Unfiltered Cabernet Sauvignon 2012



Less concentrated than the preceding vintages with more steely red fruit laced with attractive flint and herbal notes and a lively, juicy core. Showing the cooler vintage with more elegance, and ageing with grace. Drinking beautifully now, at optimum, with stability to last.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

08 FLEUR DU CAP Unfiltered Cabernet Sauvignon 2014



Characteristic harmony between dark fruit and herbal notes, captured in a deep, serious structure. Richness in the core provided by new oak notes of dark caramel. Subtle hints of bottle age starting to emerge in almond and leather, but the palate still holds form and mouth-watering dry tannins.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

05 FLEUR DU CAP Laszlo | 2014



The bold structure has yielded, releasing more generous, plush ripe fruit with eucalyptus leaf spice and lots of new oak in support. Enveloping, mouth-coating tannins. Back to all Bordeaux varietals in the blend, this big red is mature after 8 years, with a hint of tertiary notes unfolding in the finish.



Enjoy 2022 - 2024

06 FLEUR DU CAP Laszlo | 2015



Deep black fruit with liquorice pastille, tobacco, dark roast coffee, cocoa powder, and mint liqueur. The palate is crafty and polished, not requiring the long-term cellaring of other vintages, but also lots of structural polished tannins present to facilitate further development. Revealing perfectly ripe fruit, complemented by rich oak and herbal touches.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025+

07 FLEUR DU CAP Merlot | 2018



Reductive intro, needs some aeration. Plum and cocoa, accented by dried herbs and spice. Soft and juicy Merlot that is ready to decant and enjoy, or comfortably keep in the short-term.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

08 FLEUR DU CAP Pinotage | 2018



Blueberries and bubblegum with a savoury, rustic edge that includes tar and smoked meat. The palate is soft and easy, completing the savoury smoky notes in a plush mouthfeel. No further cellaring is required.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

05 FLEUR DU CAP Series Privee Pinotage | 2016



Successor to the Unfiltered, and in the same serious, full-bodied style. Opaque black core with a thin garnet rim. Sweet, opulent core of black cherry and plum supported by smoked meat and vanilla and mature notes of cloves and cream sherry. Time in the bottle has integrated the oak and softened the tannins, now offering rich, mature fruit right up to the sweet, creamy finish.



Enjoy 2022 - 2024

06 FLEUR DU CAP Shiraz | 2015



Robust spice and wild, blackberry fruit with chocolate and roasted nuts. The 2015 has matured nicely, integrating the burly tannins and showing off its rich spices. Drinking well now, at optimum.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025



STELLENZICHT

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01 **STELLENZICHT** Golden Triangle Cabernet Sauvignon | 2011



Typical Stellenbosch Cabernet Sauvignon shows a good marriage between black fruit and dusty, herbal notes. Succulent oak spice, vanilla, blackberries and spearmint. The flavour profile is becoming darker and more saline, with a remarkable tannin structure that keeps the wine savoury and dry. Evolving very slowly. Classy.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

02 **STELLENZICHT** Golden Triangle Pinotage | 2014



The varietal baked plum and banana flavour profile is elevated by the warm vintage, adding a bubblegum note to the acetone, smoke and resin. Ripe and concentrated, this is an old-school Pinotage that packs a lot of fruit flavour, underlined by sweet vanilla from oak élevage. Still robust, but risks porty evolution, so best enjoyed soon.



Enjoy 2022 - 2024

03 **STELLENZICHT** Golden Triangle Pinotage | 2013



Fresh plums and blueberries with roasted vanilla from oak, and some smoke and cured meat at the back. Still pretty fleshy and brisk on the palate, with ample primary fruit on display, and a dry grip to finish. The natural suggestion is that this should continue along an upward curve in the cellar.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Best 2022 - 2026



Jacobsdal

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01 JACOBSDAL Cabernet Sauvignon | 2013



Ageing gracefully, this medium-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon retains vibrant black fruit, typical dusty, roast bell pepper notes and alluring liquorice pastille undertones. Continues in the typical elegance of this range with gentle oaking, lifted acidity, and fine extraction. Fine, powdery tannic grip on the bone-dry finish.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

02 JACOBSDAL Cabernet Sauvignon | 2009



Mature but stable, revealing soft stewed fruits, plum tomato, leather and cloves. Vegetal undertones that are so distinctive and typical to the property. Still shows its pedigree on the palate with silky soft texture and balance. Sweet, creamy finish. Ready to be enjoyed.



Enjoy 2022 - 2024



01 **NEDERBURG** Heritage Heroes The Brew Master | 2016



Shows a lightness of touch with red fruit flavours joining the classic cassis and cedar, complemented by rich chocolate notes from oak *élevage*. Delightfully soft and poised now, but likely still improving.



Enjoy 2022 - 2026+

02 **NEDERBURG** Heritage Heroes The Brew Master | 2017



Over- and underripe. Hard, leafy bitterness that masks super ripe, slightly cooked fruit. Not sure it's improving. Simply not a good wine.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

03 **NEDERBURG** Heritage Heroes The Motorcycle Marvel | 2016



Southern Rhône-like nose of sweet berries, lavender, garrigue and dark roast oak makes the 2016 stand out in a line-up. Carignan-driven blend with Rhône varietals. The palate remains fresh, showing mostly fruit, spice and floral inner fragrance, with oak tannins supporting a medium body with a mouth-watering tail. Ready to be enjoyed, although no need to rush.



Enjoy 2022 - 2026

04 **NEDERBURG** Manor House Cabernet Sauvignon | 2015



Brooding ripe black fruit, prunes and roasted cashews now weaves in with the pencil lead and flint the wine had in its youth. Possessing remarkable concentration and depth for the Manor House range, it still holds a powerful, dry structure, while the fruit is showing signs of maturing. Enjoy over the next 3 to 4 years.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

05 **NEDERBURG** Private Bin R163 Cabernet Sauvignon | 2003



On the downward curve, the 2003 still possesses well rounded, mature complexity, marrying earthy notes with soft tannins. Starting to look a little dank in flavour, this will be elevated with further keeping - not advised, drink soon.



Enjoy 2022 - 2023

06 **NEDERBURG** Private Bin R163 Cabernet Sauvignon | 2009



Inky black colour precursor to bold, ripe dark fruit with lots of rich concentration extracted. Stable in this form with mellowed tannins and rich, yet juicy fruit. Great palate length - keeps on going. A powerful and opulent expression of Cabernet Sauvignon that is ageing well and can warm many winters to come.



Enjoy 2022 - 2026

07 **NEDERBURG** Private Bin R163 Cabernet Sauvignon | 2010



Full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon, showing the heat of the vintage with full, voluptuous black fruit and bold tannins. Oak spice and coffee roastery in support. Although very burly and masculine, the fruit is slowly taking on a stewed, porty character. Best to enjoy over the short term.



Enjoy 2022 - 2024

08 **NEDERBURG** Private Bin R163 Cabernet Sauvignon | 2011



The 2011 is opening nicely as it enters its optimum drinking window. Packed with lush dark fruit and wrapped in mouth-watering tannins, this is still energised yet generous and harmonious. Deep layers of plum and blackberry with alluring graphite, cigar box and rich vanilla notes too.



Enjoy 2022 - 2026+

09 **NEDERBURG** Private Bin R163 Cabernet Sauvignon | 2013



Black purple core with a narrow rim. The super-ripe intro has blueberry pie and macerated plums coated with decadent chocolate and cigar box. Skilful use of new oak has softened the wine and added sweetness without showing any dominance. All swallowed up by the big and rich, expressive fruit. Polished and plush. Enjoy now and over the next 4 years.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

10 **NEDERBURG** Private Bin R163 Cabernet Sauvignon | 2014



Very few signs of ageing in both colour and aroma. Ripe dark berries with black forest cake, coated in decadent chocolate and coffee liqueur. Big and rich, yet fresh and heady for an 8-year-old wine, with fine tannins and firm acidity reigning in the ripeness and warmth and holding the wine in its youthful state. Expressive and rewarding now, with legs for the long haul.



Enjoy 2022 - 2026+

11 **NEDERBURG** Private Bin R163 Cabernet Sauvignon | 2015



Concentrated, New World expression of Cabernet Sauvignon from dry-land Paarl vineyard, matured in new French oak. Layers of black fruit and rich oak spice, with deep structure offsetting the bold ripeness. These Bin 163s are of warm climate origin and are obviously ripe and plush, offering satisfying generosity without too much age.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

12 **NEDERBURG** Two Centuries Cabernet Sauvignon | 2007



The 2007 is mature, showing leather, tar and soy along with soft dried fruit and roasted bell peppers. Well-rounded, silky mouthfeel. Not improving, and should be opened over the next 2 years.



Enjoy 2022 - 2023

09 **NEDERBURG** Two Centuries Cabernet Sauvignon | 2008



Ripe and plush, with clear longevity and quality shining through. Mint, Christmas cake, baked plum and dark chocolate. Tertiary development expands with slight leather and forest floor notes. Harmonious, generous and soft enough to drink now, but will comfortably keep for a few more years.



Enjoy 2022 - 2024

10 **NEDERBURG** Two Centuries Cabernet Sauvignon | 2010



Opaque black core with fading garnet rim. Dry, deep and savoury expression. Powerful and concentrated. Crème de cassis, cocoa and pastrami, finishing dry, saline even, with an iodine hint. Remaining masculine, dry and tannic in structure while the flavour profile is showing signs of maturity.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

11 **NEDERBURG** Two Centuries Cabernet Sauvignon | 2012



Pure and defined, with power and linearity. The inner Cabernet Sauvignon perfume is captivating, lifted by warming oak spice and heady alcohol. Concentrated, palate-staining dark fruit with dense tannins and bright, effortless acidity. In a wide drinking window after a decade in the cellar.



Enjoy 2022 - 2027

12 **NEDERBURG** Two Centuries Cabernet Sauvignon | 2013



Riper (perhaps over-ripe?) vintage with less life and ageability than siblings on both sides. Pruny stewed dark fruit and warming sweet oak with roasted chestnuts and leather. Full and opulent to finish, with a porty, liqueur-like farewell. Shorter shelf life than the 2011 and 2012 vintages and should be enjoyed soon.



Enjoy 2022 - 2023

13 NEDERBURG

Two Centuries
Cabernet Sauvignon | 2014



Continuing the riper, more modern phase of Two Centuries vintages, nothing held back with the 2014 with obvious rich oak, fruit extract and warming spirit. Powerful tension in the engine room, yet the frame has become sleek with time in the bottle. Modern and expressive. Comfortable in a wide drinking window.



Enjoy 2022 - 2026

14 NEDERBURG

Two Centuries
Cabernet Sauvignon | 2015



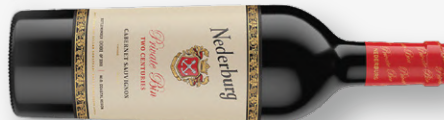
Dense, bold and structured Cabernet Sauvignon from Paarl. Grapes have masculine power but not without finesse. Blackcurrants, kirsch, graphite, dark chocolate and rich oak spices are all wrapped up in a layered palate that has gratifying sweetness in an energised core. Only at the early stages of its drinking period.



Enjoy 2022 - 2027+

15 NEDERBURG

Two Centuries
Cabernet Sauvignon | 2017



A pure and powerful expression of Cabernet Sauvignon that has classic structure and longevity, but also New World concentration and plush fruit. Ripe blackberries, tobacco, ganache and oak spice. Delicious already, with clear long term cellaring potential.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Best 2022 - 2027

16 NEDERBURG

Winemasters
Cabernet Sauvignon | 2017



Stalky intro with cassis and tea leaf. The palate remains peppery and dusty, with blackcurrant and plummy fruit that unfolds in a medium body with a grippy finish. Benefitted from short term cellaring, and ready to be enjoyed.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

13 **NEDERBURG** Winemasters Edelrood | 2015



Blackberries, plums, vanilla and mixed herbs. Light and juicy that's true to style, yet very much overdelivering on flavour and composure after 7 years. Medium-bodied, vibrant and seamless. An absolute steal.



Enjoy 2022 - 2025

14 **NEDERBURG** Winemasters Pinotage | 2018



Better when young, tarry notes are slowly starting to join the wild berry and vanilla allure of the 2018. Still packs lots of flavour, with ample structure and body. Creamy, easy-drinking finish. Ready to enjoy.



Enjoy 2022 - 2024

15 **NEDERBURG** Winemasters Shiraz | 2017



Open-knit red and blackberry crush with peppery spice and violets. The bright palate carries on with the spice from the nose with a chalky grip that frames the abundance of crunchy fruit. Mouth-watering and delicious. No need to keep.



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16 **NEDERBURG** Cap Classique | 2013



Crisp and dry occasional release Cap Classique from Nederburg, blends Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in a harmonious bubbly with lively, crisp cut apple presence, deepened by biscuity savoury notes and good, firm mousse. Time in bottle has introduced notes of lanolin and lemon oil. No benefit from keeping further, enjoy in the coming year or 2.



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17 **NEDERBURG** Winemasters Noble Late Harvest | 2016



Orange candy and peach tart with floral, musk perfume from a small Muscat component. Stone fruit and ginger spice on the light palate that controls sugar and acid in complete harmony. Staggering value for money. Ageable, but why wait!



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NEETHLINGSHOF E S T A T E

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01 NEETHLINGSHOF Cabernet Sauvignon | 2013



Dusty introduction to cassis, spearmint, cedar and roasted vanilla. More development on the palate that shows nutty flavours alongside the herbal notes, all propped up by fresh acidity. Medium weight that allows the same elegance as preceding vintages. No further cellaring is required, but safe to keep.



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02 NEETHLINGSHOF Malbec | 2015



Juicy, fleshy plums and blueberries wrapped in vanilla and milk chocolate, with a backbone of acid providing a steely finish. Easy drinking, fruit-forward, plush, medium-bodied red suited for most occasions. No need to cellar further.



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03 NEETHLINGSHOF Pinotage | 2014



The 2014 vintage has a full and opulent nose of cherries and plum, along with wood smoke, spice and tar. The palate is full and rich with baked banana, sweet musk and a slightly rustic, drying edge to the finish. Ageing well, offering good value for money.



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04 NEETHLINGSHOF The Owl Post Pinotage | 2012



Liquorice pastille, black cherry jam and sweet lavender lead to more savoury smoke and tarry notes. Complementing vanilla and dark roast coffee from the oak add sweetness and dimension. Grippy, full and tannic; still young and bold and will reward further cellaring.



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05 NEETHLINGSHOF The Owl Post Pinotage | 2014



Opaque black core with slight browning variation to the rim, hinting at the advent of maturity. Strong acetone flavours are taking over the deep black fruit that is sweet and polished on the mid-palate, with overt bitterness to the finish. Stewed profile to the fruit. It seems past its best.



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06 NEETHLINGSHOF The Owl Post Pinotage | 2015



More structure and stability from Magnum format. Inky black core with purple rim. Bold, ripe luxurious Pinotage with coffee, rich plum, silky chocolate, spiced fruit cake and wood smoke. Subtle tertiary notes of leather, cloves and tar. Fully ripe, but nicely reined in by dry tannins and firm acidity.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Best 2023 - 2025



PLAISIR DE MERLE

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01 PLAISIR DE MERLE Cabernet Franc | 2007



The 2007 offers lots of charm with soft dark fruit, camphor, leather and mint. Elegant, seamless palate with vibrant inner perfume, integrated acidity and open, soft tannins. Gracefully aged Cabernet Franc.



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02 PLAISIR DE MERLE Cabernet Franc | 2017



In a slightly awkward phase, the 2017 is looking a little simple and blousy at the moment. Jammy blackcurrant, pencil shavings and sweet mint chocolate, with a cordial-like generosity that seems to highlight the high alcohol. Best left untouched for now.



Requires a bit more patience. Enjoy 2023 - 2027

03 PLAISIR DE MERLE Petit Plaisir | 2016



Time in the bottle has worked a charm since the last tasting. The Petit Plaisir is now seamless and delicious, and ready to be enjoyed. Still offering lots of body and character for the range, it's a melange of softened fruit, earthy nuance and sweet spice at the moment.



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04 PLAISIR DE MERLE Shiraz | 2008



Upfront mature notes of leather and brine lead into Christmas cake and porty notes on the nose. Ripe and jammy, the palate includes sweet spice and coffee with the tertiary notes, while persistent acidity and a savoury iodine finish offer contrasting interest. Mature, drink now.



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UITKYK

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01 **UITKYK** Carlonet | 2012



Ripe plums and blackberries with bouquet garni from Cabernet Sauvignon, spice from a dollop of Shiraz and cigar box from age. Impressively vibrant still, holding a spicy inner perfume and looking lively, especially in the Magnum. The slow and gracious ageing of elegance is on display here. Satisfying to enjoy now, but will still improve with further cellaring.



Enjoy 2022 - 2026+

02 **UITKYK** Carlonet | 2013



Blackcurrant, liquorice, vanilla and herb-roasted tomatoes. Good intensity. The palate has firm acidity with a dusty tannic grip and fruit-derived phenolic structure. Typical of Carlonet it combines earthy elegance and broad structure. Good, persistent length. More earthy and gritty than the 2012, and not quite as harmonious yet, perhaps needing another year to peak, although I don't think it will keep quite as long as the 2012.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Best 2022 - 2025



ZONNEBLOEM

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01 ZONNEBLOEM Cabernet Sauvignon | 2016



A clean, expansive nose offers lush red and blackberries with trademark pepperiness (influence from stalks) and well-measured sweet vanilla notes from barrique. Lots of life to the 2016 that has evolved beautifully, overdelivering on depth and ageability, while also offering soft drinkability now.



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02 ZONNEBLOEM Cabernet Sauvignon | 2017



Although the Zonnebloem Cabernets are made for early drinking, in a medium-bodied style and with ready, creamy tannins, there is no doubt they improve with a little cellaring. The 2017 still has robust fruit and oak tannins that will be served well with more time in the bottle. Cassis, redcurrants and mint, with dusty accent and coffee roast undertones. Solid varietal expression, all from Stellenbosch fruit.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Best 2022 - 2027

03 ZONNEBLOEM Laureat | 2016



The 2016 remains closed and nervy, wrapping brooding fruit and fresh herbs in fine, savoury tannins. Capsicum and tea leaf presently dominate the dry palate. A level up in concentration and structure in the flagship is on display in this vintage that makes Laureat stand amongst more serious Bordeaux blends and deserving of further cellaring.



Delicious now, better in a year or so. Best 2023 - 2027

04 ZONNEBLOEM Laureat | 2017



More generous, open-knit and therefore more accessible than the 2016, the 2017 packs lots of fruit intensity with liquorice and toasted vanilla. Rich and broad on the palate, with well-rounded tannins and varietal herbal notes adding complexity to the finish.



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05 ZONNEBLOEM Shiraz | 2016



Black fruit, bacon kips, smoke and peppery spice. The palate has softened since last year's tasting, having achieved the integration of oak and offering a silky finish. Medium to full-bodied Shiraz with satisfying age offers sound value now and the ability to keep a little further.



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06 ZONNEBLOEM Shiraz | 2019



The peppery aroma lets the cultivar out of the box with juicy fruits of the forest and butcher's spice. Fruit driven and crunchy in style, with softening vanilla sweetness from a little bit of oak influence. Made for easy, early-drinking and staying lively and delicious in this youthful stage.



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