

ROBERTSON WINERY - VINEYARD SELECTION

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SOUTH AFRICAN

WINES

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Outstanding



Excellent



Very Good



Characterful



**Good everyday
drinking**

★★★★☆ **No 1 Constitution Road Shiraz:** Cellar's flagship, named after their street address in Rtbson town. Spicy & abundantly fruited, packed with potential; pre-ved **04** similar deep-layered aromas & flavours as pvs (black cherry to Karoo scrub & white pepper), judicious oaking (-2 yrs new wood, now portion Am). Mineral core lends freshness, verve, ageability. Wild yeast ferment. More this time; 34 barrels made.

★★★★★ **Phanto Ridge Pinotage:** Graceful & elegant rendering of the often unruly grape. **05** with signature plum/banana combo, cherry & wood-char extras; flavorful & supple. Year new oak, 20% American.

★★★★★ **Wolfkloof Shiraz:** Continues in hearty style with **04**, rotund berried mouthful spiced with all sorts of exotica including, anise, cinnamon; ripe but more elegant this vintage (14% alc. vs. 15% for **03**) generous but harmonious 18 mths new oak. Good prospects.

★★★★★ **Prospect Hill Cabernet Sauvignon:** Warm country cab showing generous dimensions, approachable young with growth potential.. **04** cements higher general rating mooted by notch-up. **03** lovely, spicy/herby complexity, abundant ripe tannins polished by 18 mths oak, 1st-3rd fill, 20% American. Screw-capped, as is next wine.

★★★★★ **Kings River Chardonnay:** Vigorous new-barrel-fermented styling, lots of smoky-spicy oak character but enough ripe peachy fruit in **05** to ensure balanced, satisfying drinking now & for a few yrs. 50% natural yeast; 8 mths oaked.

★★★★★ **Retreat Sauvignon Blanc:** Another steadily improving label, serious rather than show; though vintage boosted **06** a real head-turner, usual ripe flint-toned tropical fruit but more weight, concentration, unaggressive freshness than before. Delicious now & for next 2/3 yrs. **05** Wine ★★★★★

★★★★★ **Almond Grove Riesling Noble Late Harvest:** The original NLH in this line up from the eponymous farm, **06** tasted newly bottled & only hinting at future form, genteel, understated as pvs; again beautiful sugar/acid balance underprinting the tangy apricot fruit; ; 10.5% alc as before. Unwooded.