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91 | GLEN CARLOU GRAVEL QUARKY 2008

AL - Very dense core, but developed rim; the nose is very packed with oak, vanilla, spices and dark fruit with some mineral notes, some roasted oak and coffee notes; the palate is immensely concentrated and offers dark, inky fruit, blackcurrant, liquorice, mint and balsamic notes, attractively balanced as the concentrated dark fruit is backed up by an appealing level of freshness and a notion of minerality, very good length and aftertaste - great potential. **91**
MdM - Dark, purple red with violet hue. Balmly character in the nose, ripe berry fruit, a touch of leather, cedar wood and chocolate. On the palate opulent character, juicy, but in the finish slightly dryish tannins appear. **91**

90 | DRUK-MY-NIET CABERNET FRANC

Dry red 2009
AL - Bright, dark purple colour; very enchanting purity on the nose, fine spices, tobacco, aromatic herbs and dark inky fruit such as blackcurrant, cherry and plum; the palate is fairly concentrated with attractive extraction, present, yet not harsh tannin, adds structure and length, juicy bright fruit, very fine length and some complexity on the aftertaste - a fine example with both drinkability and agreeability in a young wine. **90**
MdM - Dark, purple red with violet hue. Aromas reminiscent of blueberries, green peppers and blackcurrant. On the palate fresh with elegant acidity and good tannic structure, well built with rather good length. **90**

89,5 | DRUK-MY-NIET INVICTUS

Dry red 2009
AL - Dark purple core, more red on the rim. The nose offers smoke, dark fruit, blackcurrant, cherry; the palate still seems young and unresolved, very dense and concentrated dark fruit, high level of extraction and a long aftertaste - should be allowed another 1-2 years to soften; lovely material and potential. **89**
MdM - Purple red with almost garnet red hue, very dense colour. In the nose quite opulent with aromas reminiscent of mild spices, slightly smoky notes and balmly character. Dark berry fruit in the background. On the palate clean and well balanced with smooth character, good mouthfeel and length. **90**

89,5 | NEDERBURG MANOR HOUSE CABERNET 2009

AL - Quite dark colour with a slight purple hint; dark berries, blackcurrant, mint and fine oak dominates the nose; the palate has fine balance, still slightly youthful with high acidity and rigid tannin, but with attractive proportions of dark, inky fruit and a long finish - should develop really well. **90**

MdM - Dark, purple red with violet hue. Aromas reminiscent of green peppers, blackcurrant and notes of minerality. On the palate medium weight and well structured, medium length, tannins well integrated. **89**

89 | GLEN CARLOU GRAND CLASSIQUE Bordeaux Blend 2009

AL - Quite dense ruby red with a watery rim; bright dark fruit aromas of blueberry and blackcurrant emanate from the glass, there is also some notes of fine spices and aromatic herbs in the background, a gentle hint of oak; medium to high concentration on the palate, high freshness and dark fruit, integrated tannin and a balanced, long finish - well made in a classic style. **89**
MdM - Dark, purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Discreet fruit in a rather classic style. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. **89**

88 | MAN VINTNERS CABERNET SAUVIGNON Dry wooded 2010

AL - Medium deep, garnet colour; the nose shows a hint of oak, some spicy elements, pepper, dark berries and plum; the palate is quite full with opulent fruit, slightly on the sweet side with polished tannin and an overall soft texture, good length and a rounded, slightly spicy finish. **88**
MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Elegant nose with aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant, sweet cherries, a touch of dark chocolate and mild spices. On the palate elegant with a touch of sweetness, well balanced tannins and rather good length. **88**

88 | MAN VINTNERS SHIRAZ

Dry wooded 2010
AL - Youthful nose that offers sweet fruit, red and dark berries; a lighter palate, soft and juicy with attractive freshness and mild spices on the finish. **86**
MdM - Dark, purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with Rhône style character, meaty with slightly smoky notes and a touch of white flowers in the background. On the palate well balanced with fresh character and good structure, rather good length. **90**

88 | PLAISIR DE MERLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Dry 2008
AL - Medium deep, ruby with an aged rim; quite developed and refined nose of cigar box, mild spices, dark berries and leather; the palate is full and dense with appealing dark fruit, some smoky and meaty notes with hints of smoked meat, bright dark fruit and a tannic backbone. good freshness on the finish. **89**
MdM - Dark, purple red with violet hue. Elegant nose with discreet fruit; on the palate juicy with discreet fruit, well integrated tannins and well structured, medium length. **87**

87,5 | NEDERBURG MANOR HOUSE SHIRAZ 2009

AL - Dark, ruby red; the nose is offering dark berries and sweet spices; the palate is on the full side with good level of concentration and fine extraction, ripe tannin in the background, fairly long berry infused finish - still somewhat marked by oak, but that should integrate well into the body of the wine - drink from 2013. **87**
MdM - Deep, purple red with violet hue and black centre. Delicate aromas on the nose, dark fruit, minerality and a touch of smoke. On the palate well structured, tannins well integrated, medium weight and length. **88**

87 | GLEN CARLOU CHARDONNAY 2011

AL - Sweet nose, almond paste, nuts, yellow fruit and a hint of oak; the palate is slightly creamy with vanilla, some wood, almond and ripe citrus flavours, quite long with a good level of acidity on the finish. **86**
MdM - Bright, yellow with golden hue. Intense oak influence with aromas reminiscent of vanilla and caramel, ripe pear and brioche. On the palate opulent, well balanced with well structured, medium length. **88**

86,5 | GLEN CARLOU QUARTZ STONE 2011

AL - Sweet and nutty nose, hints of almond, stone fruits and some roasted notes; the palate is medium to full with rather ripe fruit, some roasted oak in the background, a good level of freshness despite the rather creamy and round texture. **86**
MdM - Bright, yellow with golden hue. Opulent character with distinct oak influence, rather restrained fruit, pineapple in the background. On the palate opulent and well structured with medium length. **87**

86 | MAN VINTNERS CHENIN BLANC Unwooded, dry 2011

AL - Generous and rather ripe nose with apricot, plum and a hint of minerality; well balanced with juicy fruit, rounded acidity and medium length. **86**
MdM - Bright, yellow with green hue. A rather warm climate character with slightly restrained aromas of tropical fruit and hazelnuts. On the palate soft, balanced with slightly roasted aromas. **86**

85 | GLEN CARLOU PINOT NOIR 2011

AL - Light colour; sweet and perfumed nose, aromas of citrus, bitter orange and red berries. The palate is medium bodied and offers notes of redcurrant and sour berries flavours; there is a hint of smoky and meaty notes in the background, an allusion of bitterness on the medium to long finish. **85**
MdM - Dark, ruby red. On the nose distinct vanilla fragrance, roasted aromas, opulent character, dark berry fruit, black cherries. On the palate vanilla and roasted aromas, restrained fruit, medium weight and length. **85**

85 | PLAISIR DE MERLE CHARDONNAY

Dry 2010
AL - Rather neutral on the nose, pure fruit, green apple and melon, very gentle oak touch; the palate is on the lighter side, rounded with medium long finish. **84**
MdM - Bright, golden yellow. Discreet aromas in the nose reminiscent of ripe pear and juicy apricots with slightly spicy notes. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and length. **86**

84,5 | NEDERBURG FOUNDATION SAUVIGNON BLANC 2012

AL - Pleasing, clean nose with a fine degree of intensity, floral, herbal and fruity notes; fresh and restrained style with high acidity and a hint of bitterness on the finish. **84**
MdM - Bright, yellow with green hue. Restrained fruit, almost closed character - needs time to open up. On the palate clean with soft character and discreet fruit. **85**

83 | NEDERBURG WINE MASTER RESERVE CABERNET 2010

AL - Light to medium deep ruby; red fruit, sour cherry, herbs and balsamic notes; a lighter structure with less concentration and very high acidity, slightly lean on the finish, traditional style that needs time to gain roundness and charm. **82**
MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Rather vegetal aromas on the nose, fruit in the background. On the palate medium weight and length. **84**

82,5 | NEDERBURG FOUNDATION CABERNET 2011

AL - Light to medium ruby red; slightly more rustic nose, balsamic with red fruit and sour cherry; medium bodied palate, high acidity and quite astringent tannin, medium to long finish - seems quite backward and austere today, should be allowed more time to soften and round off the edges. **83**
MdM - Purple red with almost violet hue. Discreet nose with tones of peppers and restrained fruit. On the palate rather light in style with slightly vegetal character. **82**

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95,5 | PAUL CLUVER WINES NOBLE LATE HARVEST 2011

AL - Beautiful golden colour; very intense perfume, luxurious with honey, candied fruit, apricot, cloudberry and sweet spices. Excellent grip on the palate, lovely ripe fruit, honey and a rich unctuous structure, very smooth with an intense sweetness and bright freshness, great level of complexity and superbly long finish. **94**
MdM - Bright, amber colour. Opulent nose with aromas reminiscent of dried apricots, candied orange peel, vanilla, dried pineapple and mild spices. On the palate opulent with elegant acidity and great length. **97**

93,5 | IONA ONE MAN BAND

Dry Red 2008
AL - Dark, bright colour; very attractive nose of peppery dark fruit, floral notes, smoke and meat. Beautiful structure on the palate with peppery dark fruit, full and luscious, yet with plenty of freshness and tannic backbone, long lingering and complex aftertaste - very appealing material. Very Rhône like. **93**
MdM - Dark, purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Elegant flavour, stylistically reminiscent of an Hermitage. Aromas reminiscent of white pepper, dark berries and black cherries. Vanilla and slightly roasted aromas in the background. On the palate well balanced with peppery spiciness, good fruit, well balanced tannins and great length. **94**

90,5 | PAUL CLUVER WINES CHARDONNAY

Dry 2010
AL - A quite austere and reductive style with less oak and a notion of minerality, citrus and nuts; seems rather like Burgundian wine; appealing brightness on the palate, very zesty and fresh with elegant fruit - peach and apricot, a certain minerality and long aftertaste, fine balance and complexity. **90**
MdM - Bright, yellow with golden hue. Very elegant, slightly closed character, discreet smokiness, minerality, ripe yellow fruit, peaches and apricots, a touch of pineapple in the background. On the palate elegant and persistent with good length. Classic style with potential. **91**

89,5 | PAUL CLUVER WINES RIESLING

Off Dry 2010
AL - Attractive mineral nose; flinty with young fruit, white peach, lime, lemon and fresh pineapple; good grip on the palate, close to dry with a firm backbone, zesty fruit and clean, rather long finish. **89**
MdM - Bright, yellow with green hue. Aromatic nose with petrol like fragrances, aromas reminiscent of tropical fruit, pineapple, but also passion fruit and peaches. On the palate elegant sweetness, well structured fruit and rather good length. **90**

88,5 | PAUL CLUVER WINES GEWURZTRAMINER

Off dry 2011
AL - Very spicy and intense nose, dry spices, rose petals, honey and tropical fruit, close to dry; well balanced with a sufficient level of freshness, good length and a generous, spicy finish. **87**
MdM - Bright, yellow with green hue. Typical aromas reminiscent of fading roses and lychees, pineapple and mango. On the palate well balanced with a hint of sweetness and good length. **90**

88,5 | PAUL CLUVER WINES SEVEN FLAGS

Dry 2009
AL - Light ruby red; pure nose that offers notes of red berries, redcurrant and cherry, very gentle oak, fine spices and touch of meat; the palate has fine balance, softened tannins, good freshness and vibrant red fruit flavours, good length and some complexity on the finish; more Burgundian in style. **88**
MdM - Dark, ruby red. On the nose initially slightly reductive, but with some oxygen opening up in a rather positive, more classic style. Raspberries and blackberries, mild spices and a touch of minerality. On the palate clean and well balanced with good length. **89**

88 | PAUL CLUVER WINES CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Sweet 2011
AL - Pale and bright colour; Riesling like nose of lime, lemon and a firm mineral character; palate offers very attractive mineral character, off dry like a Kabinett style, very bright freshness, elegant fruit and long finish - most appealing. **88**
MdM - Bright, yellow with green hue. Clean and typical nose, slightly petrol like and earthy tones, but also ripe citrus fruit. On the palate juicy with almost tropical fruit and well balanced palate. **88**

88 | PAUL CLUVER WINES SAUVIGNON BLANC

Dry 2011
AL - Clean and rather neutral nose with some notes of citrus and lime; the palate is restrained and zesty in a more mineral style, elegant fruit, citrus and a medium to long aftertaste; appealingly made in a restrained and fresh style. **86**