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Vergenoegd Löw new releases

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Old school.

Vergenoegd, adjacent as it is to that famed Stellenbosch property Meerlust, is a farm that has always demanded at least some reverence in its own right. It was in the Faure family from the 1820s but was sold to German investment group Livia in 2015. The hospitality offering has been upgraded substantially since then but what of the wines? Tasting notes and ratings for the two premium bottlings as follows:

Vergenoegd Löw Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

Price: R380

A complex nose of cassis, herbs and cigar box but also more developed notes of undergrowth and earth. Not too ripe or forceful despite an alcohol of 14.5% – relatively lean and fresh with firm tannins making for a very dry finish.

CE's rating: 90/100.

Vergenoegd Löw Estate Blend 2015

Price: R450

The nose shows red and black fruit plus mint and other herbs. The palate provides a curious sense of both green and very ripe fruit. Generally, there is a sweetness and a softness to the wine, the tannins already resolved – not unpleasing but probably not set to improve further.

CE's rating: 88/100.

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