

Blackwater Wine

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Vintage Score best drinking

High Roller Sauvignon Blanc RR

2016: lemon bitter tonic water, grapefruit and pineapple punch, forward, clean and vibrant, crisp but with lots going on.	2016	89	2016-2024
2017: steely bite, with melon, guava and cool stony impact, fun and assertive.	2017	86	2017-2024
2019: under a coat of sulphur is a steely, funky green and floral wine, brisk, taut and hinting at blossoms, herbs and vegetable garden. Needs to settle.	2019	87	2019-2026
2020: packed with vibrant stone fruit, touch of lanolin and clean tropical fruit perkiness, quite delicious and a stand out.	2020	90	2020-2028

Blanc RR

2014: spicy and fat with a piquant, odd nose. Off dry but balanced to feel dry, Chenin malic dominant.	2014	84	2014-2020
2017: gold hue, clean and linear, with smooth pear fruit and mineral edge, very nice.	2017	90	2017-2027

Riesling R

2017: deep straw hue then bright just mid weight freshness, tight and with lime zippy vitality, doesn't linger.	2017	86	2018-2027
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Underdog Chenin Blanc RR

2015: rich green apple and yellow fruit crunch, nicely weighted and full.	2015 85 2015-2025
2018: fresh and vibrant, lovely fruit impact, bold and forward and impressive.	2018 89 2018-2028
2019: very lively, Sauvignon-like acidity with pleasant rich body and hint of dried honey and jasmin finish. Needs a few years to show.	2019 88 2021-2029
2020: nice balance of dried kiwi and melon with greener apple notes, vinous and quite rich, with lingering fine fruit flavours. Not as crisp as '19, but more unctuous.	2020 90 2020-2029

Piquet Chenin Blanc RRR

2017: seriously layered with oak support giving way to rich textured fruit, gunflint and white pear, delicious and will improve.	2017 91 2018-2029
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Garden Palomino RR

2017: weighty, interesting, textured, less grippy than expected, dry granadilla and yellow fruit with herb and rustic charm.	2017 87 2017-2027
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Zeitgeist (was Hinterland) RR

2017: Cinsault pale but glossy depth, sweet cherry fruit, pure and focussed and elegant.	2017 91 2017-2027
2018: boldly perfumed and with bright Gamay-like blue fruit zip, juicy, clean and friendly.	2018 90 2019-2028

Cuvee Terra Lux Pinot Noir RR

2015: blue tint, dry cherry fruit, good acid balance, stylish and lip-smacking.	2015	86	2016-2026
2018: a full 14.5% alcohol and so rich, silky and seductive, this has remarkable length on the palate, a huge step up.	2018	93	2020-2030

Daniel Grenache

RR

2017: mid depth, smoky Morello cherry sweet fruit, not green at all, sultry and mouthfilling	2017	90	2017-2027
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Omerta Carignan

RR

2015: Lighter styled, mouth-watering and dry, still tight in youth and elegantly poised.	2015	86	2016-2026
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Noir Shiraz/Grenache/Carignan

RR

2015: mid depth, pale ruby, tactile and rustic red berry fruit, dry and a good winter wine.	2015	86	2016-2025
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Cultellus Syrah

RR

2014: lots of savoury bite, dark fruits and black cherry with spice, long and roughly textured. Very good.	2014	91	2016-2026
2015: dry and grippy with bright aromatic notes of violets and plums, attractive deep fruit core just needing some years.	2015	91	2018-2028
2016: smoky mocha nose then cleaner perfumed lavender, cassis and damson fruit intensity, forward but elegant and compelling, very good.	2016	94	2018-2030