Foothills Vineyards

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With luxury guest houses, conference facilities and olive production, this boutique estate offers a warm welcome and terrific value wines of serious quality.

Vintage Score best drinking

Monogram Collection MCC RR

2016: pale lemon and finely moussed, quite yeasty	2016	89	2018-2027
but palate shows clean yellow fruits and a zesty but			
elegant balance.			

Sauvignon Blanc R

2019: just enough bite on this otherwise fuller and	2019	87	2019-2025
fruity wine with mixed citrus and tropical notes.			
2020: nicely weighted with mineral dryness and	2020	88	2020-2027
stone fruit notes, ripe and friendly with kindly acid lift.			
2021: midway between lime-tense green citrus and	2021	88	2021-2027
weighty tropical richness, an easy pairing, very nice			
wine.			

Viognier R

2017: light lemon hue, restrained nose and nicely weighted,	2017	92	2018-2027
subtle stone fruited flavours, full and unctuous but not			
overblown. Terrific value.			
2019: very perfumed, big and bold with viscous peach	2019	91	2020-2028

which mellows and lingers, finishing with more finesse.

2020: delicately balanced between lip-smacking lime,	2020	92	2020-2028
orange peel and luscious peaches and cream, rich			
and compelling.			

Partners White R

2019: bright and crisp but opens to a medium bodied, white	2019	89	2019-2027
flower and gentle exotic stone fruit compote, nicely dry.			
2020: sensational edition, with unctuous peach and white	2020	93	2020-2028
pear layers, full and sexy, plush and incredible value.			
2021: less forward than the '20, and with subtle but precise	2021	90	2021-2028
stone fruit and freshness, nimble, endearing and finishing			
with more weight.			

Monogram Collection Sémillon RR

2017: very pale, with focus, texture and pristine fruit,	2017	90	2019-2027
herbs, hay and stone fruit, subtle and yet to show,			
needs three years.			
2018: elegant and enticing floral and summer fruits nose,	2019	93	2020-2028
feint grass and hay varietal note, creamy graceful palate,			
delicious.			

Reserve Chardonnay RR

2019: very pale with a creamy wood note over ripe	2019	90	2019-2028
yellow fruits, jasmine and honeysuckle, a full mouthfeel			
and clean finish.			

Rosé R

2019: very pale, with an unusual and welcome peach	2019	87	2019-2025
and floral lift to the red berried and ripe but not			

sticky-sweet palate.			
2020: copper-salmon with a blood orange and red rose	2020	88	2020-2027
nose, very dry and with a delicious tang and satisfying			
mouthfeel.			
2021: rich and full on the nose and palate, with lush	2021	87	2021-2027
viscous red berry and pear drop notes, finishing			
round but dry.			

Syrah RR

2017: deeply dark fruited, and restrained, with soft and	2017	89	2018-2027
nicely rustic mouthfeel, furry tannins and gentle spicy grip.			
2018: warm and round and enveloping, with furry tannins,	2018	89	2019-2028
black forest fruits and a lush, generous effect.			
2019: full and generous, hiding its 15% alcohol behind	2019	90	2020-2029
sumptuous berry fruit and dusty tannins, very nise and			
good value.			

Monogram Collection Shiraz RR

2016: very deep and full of soft forest berry flavours, some	2016	91	2019-2029
dry and rather taut grip, over lush and chunky fruit, will			
gain greater balance in time.			
2017: generous rounded fruit core with fluffy tannins and	2017	91	2020-2030
gentle peppery spice finish, led by mixed dark berry charm.			

Monogram Collection Straw Wine 375ml RR

2015: deep, old gold gloss, candied fruit nose then rich	2015	92	2017-2027
and unctuous dried fruit sweetness, full and mellow,			
not overly structured, but succulent.			