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Vintage Score best drinking

Giselle MCC RR

2009: earthy, brioche nose, fine mousse, bone dry and with the weight from Malbec giving it rustic charm.	2009 88 2010-2017
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Angelina MCC Brut RR

2018: very pale pink hue, gentle mousse, sweet, ripe berry nose then nicely brisk dry mouthfeel.	2018 86 2018-2028
Now Non Vintage	

Sauvignon Blanc R

2011: pale lime and gold, intense citrus notes, gooseberry and lemon and clean, fresh fruit.	2011 86 2011-2017
2017: very pale and just mid weight, accessible and zesty for early drinking.	2017 83 2017-2023
2018: green vegetal, damp grass and leesy aromatics, with steely taste and good weight, different and characterful.	2018 88 2019-2026
2019: creamy fleshy fruit, quite full bodied, nicely balanced with friendly exotic fruits, just enough grip and succulent mouthfeel.	2019 88 2019-2025

2020: straw tinged, SO2 burst then crisp and zesty passion fruit and tropical fruit notes with a citrus, steely finish.	2020	87	2020-2026
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Rifle Range White R

NV: hugely expressive and fruity blend, with perfumed ripe quince mature Chenin flavours, full mouthfeel and easy charm, terrific value and impossible to dislike.	NV	85	1-6 years
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Chenin Blanc Unwooded R

2011: rich straw hue, mid weight with quince and savoury fruit. Nice texture and great value.	2011	87	2011-2018
2014: nice yellow fruits but rather soft and comforting rather than accented.	2014	83	2014-2023
2017: crisp and light for easy drinking with lots of green fruit.	2017	83	2017-2024
2018: weightier than '17, with delicate floral, pineapple and guava notes, retaining freshness, clean fruit precision and well-crafted enjoyment.	2018	87	2018-2027
2019: straw gloss and tangy apple and nectarine flavours, just enough weight, some texture in a friendly, enjoyable style.	2019	87	2019-2028

KCB Chenin Blanc RR

	2004	90	2006-2013
	2006	90	2008-2017
	2007	91	2009-2018
2008: straw, oak and marmalade then rich deep dried apricot, nectarine and honey. Character and quality, sensational. Will even improve.	2008	94	2010-2022
2012: consistently rich and characterful,	2012	90	2012-2024

will herb and marzipan bite. Still young.		
2015: texture and grip, with orange peel and quince notes and gentle oaking. Rich and fresh.	2015	88 2016-2026
2016: orange peel, nuts, lime and a hint of soft vanilla on a fresh and fine wine, lovely revealing palate, clean and compelling.	2016	90 2017-2027
2017: straw depth, weighty but not brash nose of wood, yellow fruits and herbs, balanced, full mouthfeel of tangy peach fruits and nuts, delightful.	2017	91 2018-2028
2018: delightfully breezy and fresh, with lemon, orange and green apple, just mid weighted and needing time to reveal.	2018	87 2019-2028
2019: healthy shine then classic notes of damp hay, wax, oranges and tangy summer fruits, fresh and still evolving. Great value.	2019	90 2019-2030

Viognier

RR

2011: old gold hue, perfumed peach and sweet pear, full bodied, muscular and phenolic but crisp, classy and playful. Delicious.	2011	92 2012-2019
2014: still tight and not overly peachy, orange notes and lacking some depth.	2014	84 2014-2024
2019: mid straw with steely yellow fruit punch, some floral notes, good weight and a pleasant oily texture.	2019	87 2019-2026

Unwooded Chardonnay

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2011: fresh citrus and mango blend with juicy limes and pineapple. Long and thirst quenching.	2011	89 2011-2018
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Chardonnay

RR

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Chardonnay/Pinot Noir RR

2012: subtly hued but with rich perfume and dry crunchy fruit. Lots of berry compote and red rose.	2012	86	2012-2021
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Pinotage Rosé R

2018: shy nose then forward, ripe and juicy red fruit, rather confected, but bright and attractive.	2018	86	2018-2024
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Rockwood Red R

2007: dark fruit nose, chunky, spicy fruit palate with peppery soft red berries, roasted almonds and chocolate.	2007	86	2007-2016
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Rifle Range Red R

2018: nicely unmanicured nose with dry red berry notes, easy-going mouthfeel and pleasant mixed fruit flavours, one to just enjoy.	2018	84	2018-2026
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GSM RRR

2010: strawberry and cherry perfume, vanilla and mulberry, all soft and silky with a hint of sweet coffee bean finish. Alluring and addictive.	2010	92	2012-2020
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Merlot R

2011: sweet fruit nose, expressive mulberry and toasty oak then over ripe lush cherry fruits. Lovely balance and use of wood.	2011	89	2012-2019
2017: swathed in coffee and mocha from toasted oak, some nice red berry notes beneath a wall of stylistic intervention, ok if you like the style.	2017	83	2018-2026
2018: deep mauve shine, some briary cherry, mulberry and blueberry notes, very dry and showing savoury wood bite.	2018	88	2019-2027
2019: deep cherry hued with a rich red berry nose then bright and luscious cherry fruits with earthy pitch and sweet wood tannins. A serious contender.	2019	91	2020-2029

Pinotage RRR

2017: mid depth with vanilla and bright fruit aromas, forward and supple with silky ripe blue fruit, very attractive and easy to like.	2017	90	2018-2028
2018: overt, intriguing nose and wood backbone then deep ripe fruit core, bitter chocolate, graphite, plums and garrigue, phew.	2018	92	2020-2030

Malbec R

2012: deep ruby, ripe black fruit, full bodied, sweet blackberry and violets, muscular and with chewy oak. An impressive mouthful	2012	91	2012-2019
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Keystone RR

2007: overtly minty on nose and palate, with dry blue fruits and morello cherry. Still evolving.	2007	89	2008-2017
2015: deep and tight still, with dark agricultural fruit and rustic charm.	2015	87	2016-2026

2016: mauve tones with an enticing nose, bold and assertive with clean and buoyant fruits, smooth and satisfying and very expressive.	2016	91	2018-2028
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2017: earthy, forest floor notes, dry, sinewy tannins then smooth plums and blue currant layers, needs time to open.	2017	91	2020-2030
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Cabernet Sauvignon RRR

2008: some brick ageing and developed aromas of leafy tobacco and fynbos then generous cassis and liqueur qualities. Ridiculous value.	2008	92	2010-2020
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2015: very deep gloss, intense blue fruit profile with little fade at age five, dry and finishing less fruity and gently.	2015	89	2017-2027
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NuEra Shiraz/Mourvedre RR

2016: hedgerow leaves and fruit, dark and feral, spicy and firm in youth, will improve.	2016	88	2018-2028
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2017: glossy mid-depth deeply hued garnet, full berry nose, vibrant forward fruit, rich and juicy with dark berry texture, quite compelling.	2017	90	2018-2029
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Shiraz RR

2005: purple garnet hue, subtle vanilla and stewed prunes, smooth, silky and poised. Slightly harsh finish.	2005	88	2006-2017
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2016: purple hued, herbs and spice and juicy fruited, light and supple.	2016	86	2016-2026
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2017: ultra-ripe spicy black fruited, lots of cherry, mulberry, plum and forest notes, comforting, sexy and honest. Delicious.	2017	91	2018-2028
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2018: not a forward, fruity nose, but showing earth	2018	88	2019-2027
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and damp wood notes, needing to breathe then offering plums and warmer notes.

Natural Sweet Shiraz

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2014: just semi-sweet and with enough grip to avoid cloying, red berry fruits, simple and brief.

2014 83 2014-2022

Kia-Ora NLH 375m

RR

2008: rich gold hue, intense honey, peach and almond nose over layers of concentrated yet delicate fruit. Divine.

2005 92 2005-2018

2008 93 2010-2020

2019: mid straw with a light, nimble nose, lowish alcohol weight and bright yellow fruit, staying fresh and vibrant throughout.

2019 89 2020-2029

Sauvignon Blanc NLH 375m

RR

2015: pale gold, tangy yellow fruited, great acid lift, clean refreshing and not sticky, long springy and compelling. Perfect food match.

2015 91 2016-2026