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Vintage Score best drinking

MCC Brut RR

2014: feint yeasty notes, pale straw, large mousse, sherbert and lemon notes, bright and clean.	2014	87	2014-2024
2017: very fine in shade and mousse, green apple and yeast hint nose, light and very dry.	2017	87	2017-2025

Sparkling Chenin Blanc RR

2020: mid tint, with apple and pear nose then big froth, yellow fruits and burnt caramel, 7grms/l sugar.	2020	84	2020-2025
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Sparkling Rosé RR

2020: cherry red and with a sweet red berry nose, candy, strawberry and cherry, thankfully dry and tactile on the palate.	2020	84	2020-2025
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Sauvignon Blanc R

2017: classic asparagus and green citrus burst, green apple, wood hint but remaining fresh and moreish.	2017	86	2017-2024
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2018: nicely rounded after three years, with fulsome tropical exotic fruit richness, compelling and very classy.

2018 90 2018-2026

2021: aromatically floral with bright gooseberry punch, warmer and fuller mid with a more friendly finish.

2021 88 2021-2027

1000 miles Sauvignon Blanc

RRR

2015: unexpected oily, smoky and perfumed nose, dull peach flavours, fruity and very good.

2015 91 2016-2026

2017: mid straw mid depth, firm tropical fruits in a fresh and nicely weighted, almost oily, mouthfeel.

2017 88 2017-2027

Chenin Blanc 'Op Hout'

R

2010 87 2011-2019

2011: Pale lime, nuts and green apple aromas, medium bodied with silky citrus and tropical fruit flavours. Mouthfilling and satisfying.

2011 85 2011-2016

2015: expressive nose and a mix of crunchy green fruits and young tropical hint. Needs time to reveal.

2015 85 2015-2025

2017: light look and feel, with gentle creamy notes and lots of clean stone yellow fruits in an easy-going style.

2017 86 2017-2027

2018: lowish (12.5%) alcohol and a lively thirst quencher, quite brittle green apple bite, fresh and tangy, if fleeting.

2018 86 2019-2028

2019: finer than previously, with layered gentle fruit, balance and intrigue, still to show and worth holding.

2019 90 2020-2029

2020: hinting at what is to come, another restrained, balanced, almost delicate version, clean, precise and attractive. Needs time to shine.

2020 88 2022-2029

2021: rich and promising as ever, even in youth showing layers of clean fruit, texture and harmony. Will improve score.

2021 89 2022-2030

Small Change Chenin Blanc RRR

	2008	88	2010-2017
2009: rich, weighty nose and ripe fruit palate, suggesting some sweetness. Full, tangy and with layers of flavour. Will improve.	2009	90	2009-2019

Block A Chenin Blanc RRR

2016: lovely damp straw nose, green fruit tanginess, quince, pear and peach notes, deep and layered and opening slowly.	2016	92	2018-2028
2017: deep and rich, glossy and focussed, lemony, pineapple and linear bright fruit, very fine.	2017	92	2018-2029

S2 Block Chenin Blanc RRR

2016: Straw hue, mineral dry bite, leaner than Block A but such lush and layered fruit, long and very classy.	2016	92	2017-2028
2017: shy nose, pale and lustrous then lush and fully fruited, layered, rich and revealing itself with texture slowly. A beautiful wine.	2017	94	2018-2030

W Block Chenin Blanc RRR

2016: tight at first, then opening to marzipan, dried apricots and layers of flavour. Complex, compelling and seamless.	2016	93	2018-2028
2017: slight creamy hint over pristine yellow lemony fruits, taut, rich and complex, wonderfully precise and compelling. Will improve still.	2017	93	2018-2030
2019: mid straw, shy but as classy as ever, with minerality, white flowers, cream, opening slowly and promising much.	2019	94	2021-2031

Jackal Bird

RR

2014: pale and delicate, with Chenin bite and savoury, perfumed exotic fruits. Lovely balance.

2014 90 2015-2024**Chardonnay**

RRR

2009: fresh, citrus nose and clean, crisp fruit.

Firm acid backbone but lots of juicy fruit and hints of oak vanilla.

2007 85 2007-2012**2009 88 2009-2015**

2014: nicely balanced, with more restraint if lighter bodied.

2014 85 2014-2022

2017: very pale, crisp fresh with mineral hint and clean, precise yellow fruits, just tropical hint.

2017 83 2017-2025

2018: nicely balanced and fresh, with prominent yellow fruits, not overly tropical, balanced and quite full.

2018 88 2018-2027

2021: deceptively pale as the fruit is stunning, orange, jasmine, steel, added tropical hint, deliciously clean and lively. A step up.

2021 93 2021-2029**Chardonnay Barrel Fermented**

RRR

2009: Oaky nose with dense tropical fruit notes. Buttery, rich but with prominent heat from alcohol, acidity prevents any cloying.

2006 88 2007-2015**2007 88 2008-2016****2009 89 2010-2018****Yardstick Chardonnay**

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2014: pale straw with deeper heart, rich, creamy oak nose, peaches and tangy fruit layers, finishing clean and deliciously.

2014 89 2015-2025

Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé

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2011: deep rose colour, bone dry with grippy tannins and dark fruit notes, finishing slightly strawberry confection. Perfect chilled	2011	85	2011-2016
2015: rich and fruity yet maintaining nice acid lift, good value for a serious wine.	2015	82	2015-2022
2017: copper pink hue, delicate dry nose then rose water and faint raspberry notes, tight and finishing very dry.	2017	84	2017-2023
2018: pale copper hue, dry, dusty nose, grippy strawberry and rose petal flavours, quite zesty.	2018	86	2018-2024
2020: pale cherry red, heavy ripe nose and viscous red berry sweetness, quite heady and opulent.	2020	85	2020-2026
2021: pale cherry pink and with a mint hint dry fruit nose, raspberry strawberry and pomegranate, light and easy.	2021	86	2021-2027

Yardstick Pinot Noir

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2014: copper red hue, strawberry notes then a richer, drier tannic bite than expected. Subtle and long.	2014	88	2015-2025
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Cabernet Franc

RRRR

2015: inky hue, shy nose of soft oak, dark fruit then silky tannins, lush depths, seamless and succulent. Wonderful.	2015	92	2016-2026
2019: dark ruby, wood note nose, herbs and blue fruits, still young and brash yet showing elegant promise and longevity. Will improve for sure.	2019	92	2021-2028

Fable Syrah

RRRR

	2005 88 2006-2014
2013: opaque, overtly perfumed, lots of violets, plums, silky tannins and bold fruit. Long and generous.	2013 92 2015-2026
2014: inky depth, violet perfumed nose, intense blackberry and plum layered palate, bright and immaculate and sumptuous.	2014 93 2016-2028

Faithfull Hound

RR

2009: Inky hue, dark, brooding nose and flavours of forest, spice and damson. Medium bodied, rich and complex, the finish is dry and pleasing.	2009 90 2010-2019
2015: nice grip, hint of old wood, deep black fruits with spice and a rural appeal.	2015 87 2016-2026
2019: deep ruby with a silky, sexy nose then perfumed cassis, spice, wood, touch of earth and bramble	2019 88 2020-2028

Night Sky

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2014: inky depth, bold stewed fruits nose, dark, ripe and forceful, with layers opening constantly.	2014 92 2016-2026
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Noble Late Harvest 375m

RRR

	2006 95 2008-2020
2009: delicate nose then luscious fruit on the palate in a lighter, very approachable, style. Good acidity and lovely fruit, some herbs and hints of honey.	2009 92 2010-2022
2010: deep gold, lots of dried fruits, rich and lush, generously sweet but not cloying. Long and finishing with texture and class.	2010 91 2010-2023
2014: deep gold gloss, rich stewed apple and dried apricot nose, unctuous mouthfeel, rich and decadent.	2014 92 2015-2027