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Vintage Score best drinking

Organic Sauvignon Blanc R

2021: lovely balance of ripe summer fruit, granadilla, passion fruit, pink melon, with gentle acidity, very nice.

2021 90 2021-2027

Biodynamic Sauvignon Blanc RR

2017: nicely weighted with lees richness, mixed green and tropical fruits, layered and lingering.

2017 88 2018-2027

2018: gentle oily richness, firm and full with exotic tropical flavours, green fruits and some complexity.

2018 88 2018-2028

Chenin Blanc-Sauvignon Blanc-Chardonnay R

2011: overt, fresh and fruity nose, citrus and peach with subtle oak and a tingle from sauvignon Blanc.

2011 84 2011-2017

2012: more complex nose and more savoury bite of Chenin. Still undefined but interesting.

2012 85 2012-2019

Organic White Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon (was Vine Hugger) R

2012: beautiful balance of delicacy and power, some minerality, lots of clean stone fruit. Delicious.	2012	86	2012-2020
2013: mid weight and with some depth led by crispy Sauvignon but falling in-between the two and somewhat lacking.	2013	82	2013-2019
2014: full bodied with savoury, woody yet creamy bite. A bit muddled at present.	2014	83	2014-2021
2015: full of character and white, slightly unripe pear and lemon, arresting and unique.	2015	85	2015-2025
2017: very pale, peach nose and bright, focussed fruit, but quite subtle.	2017	85	2017-2024
2018: very pale with light green apple notes, seems soft but remains bright on the palate, with nice length.	2018	87	2018-2026
2019: pale hue, lemony and dry, with crisp and lightish feel, rather brief but with lip-smacking citrus .	2019	86	2019-2027
2020: soft white pear, fleshy yellow fruits and honeysuckle, smooth, balanced and succulent, quite lovely.	2020	89	2021-2028

Organic Chenin Blanc R

2018: lush fruited, with guava, passion fruit and more, full and softish, but clean and fresh, very nice.	2018	89	2018-2028
2019: hugely aromatic, with white blossom, yellow summer fruits, great balance and alluring scents, this is very fine.	2019	91	2019-2029
2020: stylish, complex and full of character, lots of rich dried honey and quince, delicious.	2020	92	2022-2030

Biodynamic Chenin Blanc RR

	2010	88	2010-2018
2011: very pale, subtle sweet quince nose then grippy acid and delicate herbal notes. Needs time.	2011	87	2011-2018
2012: fresh, approachable style with grainy	2012	85	2012-2019

bite and tangy fruit.			
2017: pale, classic green apple aromas and taste, clean and not heavy.	2017	90	2017-2027
2018: mid-straw depth, rich lanolin nose and oily, herb, quince and lemon rind tones, full and long and delicious.	2018	92	2019-2029
2022: richly textured, forward classic nose and real complexity even in youth, stunning. Will improve.	2022	92	2023-2033

Natural Chenin Blanc RRRR

2016: rich straw hue, lots of orange and quince fruit with cream hint, fresh and medium weighted.	2016	88	2017-2027
2017: nicely poised, with fresh lemon and lime burst of pristine fruit, opening slowly, very classy.	2017	90	2018-2028

Reserve White RRR

2010: sweet oak over tropical fruit nose then textured rich passion fruit and green kiwi flavours. Full, balanced and long and will be sensational in 3-5 years time.	2010	93	2012-2020
2011: chary oak over fat and rich fruit, brooding and mouthcoating and very long.	2011	91	2012-2020
2016: slow to open, intense and overt, grapefruit base and layered complexity.	2016	91	2016-2026
2017: under a blanket of SO2 there is richly oaked, textured and full mixed fruit medley here. Balanced between citrus and tropical, rather shy at present.	2017	90	2018-2028

Pinotage RR

2010: mid depth, smoky, white pepper up-front nose then juicy and soft with drying tannins. Needs time.	2010	88	2010-2018
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Organic Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot

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2017: mid depth with dark fruit nose, rustic mixed berry flavours, still tight and offering comforting winter drinking.	2017	86	2018-2027
2018: takes no prisoners, rustic and chunky, with mixed, rather anonymous black fruits. Stout, but not memorable.	2018	85	2019-2027
2019: dark fruited rather than blue, solid and full of blackcurrant liquorice, lozenge-like and satisfying.	2019	86	2020-2028
2020: quite agricultural and brusque in its tarry, black fruits, almost cooked leather and damson, average.	2020	84	2021-2028

Cornerstone

RR

	2008	88	2008-2018
2010: mid ruby, pencil lead and leafy blackcurrants. Muscular yet smooth. Nice now but will keep.	2010	89	2010-2018
2011: food style in lean Bordeaux tones, with oak and dry tannins.	2011	89	2012-2020
2014: too youthfull yet, with fine, linear tannins and rustic, warm fruit.	2014	89	2015-2024
2015: deep garnet hue, cigar and cassis classic notes, stylish and silky and still improving.	2015	89	2017-2029
2016: oaky nose gives way to a diverging rustic dark fruited palate, earth and bramble, so big and chunky.	2016	88	2017-2027

Cabernet Sauvignon

RR

2015: mid depth and hue, lots of lush vanilla and blackcurrant, warm and comforting, long and expressive.	2015	92	2017-2030
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Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon RRRR

2015: effulgent perfumed nose, rich cassis flavours, wood notes and bold mouthfeel yet poised and classy throughout, powerful and long. Still improving.	2015	94	2017-2030
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Reserve Red RRRR

	2008	93	2010-2020
2009: ruby purple hue, fruit forward nose then mid weight, almost jammy fruit with acid lift. Clean and elegant but needs time to settle.	2009	91	2012-2021
2010: sweet soft red berry fruit with dry tannins and slightly rustic style, needs time.	2010	89	2012-2020
2015: already silky smooth, with intense fruit power, layers of interest and length. A remarkable wine, delicious.	2015	93	2018-2028
2016: deep and full, textured layered fruits in a weighty, serious style, complex and needing time.	2016	91	2018-2029

Organic Red Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon R

2011: juicy black fruits in a grippy, simple style. More rustic Shiraz than stylish Cabernet.	2011	84	2011-2019
2013: liquorice and spice in a winter warmer style, assertive, mouthfilling and nicely gritty.	2013	82	2013-2022
2014: beefy, bold black fruit, easy on the palate with straightforward enjoyment.	2014	83	2014-2024
2015: full bodied, dark and spicy and a pleasant commercial blend.	2015	78	2015-2024
2017: pale ruby, juicy dark fruit, balanced tannins and some density.	2017	86	2017-2025
2018: forward and already mild and comforting, fruit seems earthy and rather agricultural in youth, needs time to show elegance, and silky dark spicy fruit. Will	2018	86	2020-2028

improve.

2020: vibrant purple fizz, jammy, juicy nose and black spicy fruit, feeling quite light.	2020	87	2020-2028
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Biodynamic Syrah

RRR

2010: spicy, fruity nose, quite expressive and similar juicy spice on the palate. Not a heavyweight.	2010	89	2011-2019
2011: mid depth but with expressive fruit, layered but slightly rough edged.	2011	89	2013-2020
2015: much promise, tight now but hinting at ripe, rich blue fruits, generous tannins and good length.	2015	91	2017-2028
2016: ruby purple, rich and full but still focussed and nimble with spice and bright fruit.	2016	85	2016-2025
2017: cherry hue, big and fruity yet smooth, intense in the mouth, plums and blackberries, not overly spicy.	2017	89	2018-2028
2018: feels intoxicating despite its 13% alcohol, so profound and vibrant yet smooth and accessible, just pure fruit flamboyance.	2018	91	2020-2030