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Re-opening soon

Vintage Score best drinking

### Golden Triangle Sauvignon Blanc

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**2011:** pale lime, wet grass nose with zesty, expressive fruit in a soft, pleasant style.

**2011 83 2011-2015**

**2013:** rather shy with softened acidity and lemony notes lacking real character.

**2013 84 2013-2018**

### Thunderstone Chardonnay

RR

**2020:** needs time as the wood is dominant hiding some gentle tropical fruits and reasonable structure.

**2020 88 2023-2028**

### Golden Triangle Chardonnay

RR

**2006 83 2006-2012**

**2007 76 2007-2012**

**2008:** old gold, weighty nose, slightly leesy and soft on the palate. A touch light but with lots of mellow fruit.

**2008 85 2008-2017**

### Semillon Reserve

RR

**2006 86 2007-2018**

**2008:** golden hue, developed, tangy nose,  
lots of green apple, honey and wax.  
Complex, rich and full bodied, a delicious  
wine with real character.

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**2008 92 2011-2019**

**Thunderstone Rosé RR**

**2021:** sweetly fruited but restrained and dry, totally  
delicious and a very good benchmark.

**2021 90 2021-2028**

**Red Escape R**

**2012:** juicy, jammy bold black fruit, honest and  
pleasing and very accessible.

**2012 83 2012-2020**

**2013:** supple and nicely balanced at age seven,  
still packed with dark fruit enjoyment, expressive  
and delicious.

**2013 88 2015-2024**

**Golden Triangle Merlot RR**

**2004 82 2004-2015**

**2005 80 2005-2013**

**2006:** hints of spice on a red cherry fruit base,  
simple and enjoyable.

**2006 82 2007-2016**

**2007:** classic Merlot hue and cherry spice nose,  
oak notes and savoury dry finish.

**2007 84 2007-2019**

**Golden Triangle Pinotage RR**

**2007 88 2007-2017**

**2009 83 2009-2017**

**2010:** bright fruit, softer structure, spice and  
prunes but a dry, shortish finish.

## Golden Triangle Cabernet Sauvignon RR

	<b>2003 84 2003-2012</b>
<b>2011:</b> subtle, with less depth than expected, with less firm tannins but dark mulberry fruit.	<b>2011 84 2011-2020</b>
<b>2015:</b> nice grip and firm structure, opening to lush cassis and controlled oak, very nice.	<b>2014 86 2014-2025</b>

## Golden Triangle Shiraz RR

	<b>2005 87 2005-2013</b>
	<b>2006 80 2006-2012</b>
<b>2008:</b> dark peppery nose and black fruit lozenge in the mouth, straightforward and satisfying.	<b>2008 86 2009-2018</b>
<b>2011:</b> rich and unyielding, with dry tannins and subtle, brooding fruit.	<b>2011 86 2011-2024</b>

## Rhapsody RR

<b>2006:</b> opaque, earthy, dusty notes, all savoury with game and tertiary aromas. Not a fruit bomb style but intriguing. Drink with food.	<b>2006 88 2008-2018</b>
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## Syrah RRR

<b>2000:</b> tasted at age 14 and still offering silky smooth plummy fruit in perfect balance.	<b>2000 92 2002-2015</b>
	<b>2002 94 2004-2018</b>
<b>2003:</b> opaque, stewed prunes, damsons and spice aromas. Ripe fruit in layers of flavour, still rich but changing with age. Complex and wonderful.	<b>2003 93 2006-2020</b>