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Vintage Score best drinking

Bouquet Blanc

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2011: light gold –perhaps from sweetness – and off dry, all lychee and spicy honey. Unusual, floral, perfumed and great with Thai food.	2011	84	2011-2016
2020: very perfumed and floral, jasmine, grape and honeysuckle, viscous and effective if rather sticky sweet.	2020	85	2020-2026

7evenblanc

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2011: watery colour, floral and citrus nose with spritzy CO ² fizz hint, zesty acid and green fruit.	2011	80	2011-2016
2012: richer than '12, with tinned pears, spice and soft tropical background. Gently off dry and delicious.	2012	83	2012-2017

7even Sauvignon Blanc

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2020: lots of crunchy green pepper and grapefruit notes on an enjoyable, if fleeting wine for early drinking.	2020	85	2020-2026
2022: slightly odd mix of dulled herbaceous steel and blowsy tropical fruit, not varietally identifiable.	2022	80	2022-2027

Sauvignon Blanc

RR

	2002	76	2002-2009
2011: pale hue, green apple nose with zippy light fruit all green pepper and citrus.	2011	82	2011-2015
2012: hints of tropical fruit on nose but decidedly green citrus zesty on palate. Full and appealing.	2012	84	2012-2018
2013: unripe Granny Smiths and tinned gooseberries with a puckeringly dry finish.	2013	86	2013-2019
2014: full flavoured with a pleasant mix of citrus crispness and exotic tropical fruit hints.	2014	84	2014-2022
2015: deliciously crisp, bursting with fruit, clean and precise, a terrific wine.	2015	85	2015-2023
2017: tangy green bite, firm and chunky if brief and rather brittle.	2017	84	2017-2024
2020: full and viscous and nicely round, with bright grapefruit, pineapple and a note of lime citrus, very accessible.	2020	87	2020-2027

360° Sauvignon Blanc

RR

	2007	84	2007-2013
2017: nicely poised between green and tropical fruit, crisp but softening at finish, interesting and classy.	2017	86	2017-2025
2019: slate, nettle and subtle fig and stone fruit notes, quite European in style, reserved, balanced and cerebral, a serious wine.	2019	89	2020-2028

Old Vine Chenin Blanc

RR

	2007	80	2007-2013
	2010	84	2010-2018
2011: intense malic notes; green apple and unripe melon. Fullish body and firm acidity, one dimensional fruit but a savoury	2011	83	2011-2017

mouthful.			
2012: rich and waxy with tangy tangerine zest. Shortish, but true varietal and very appealing.	2012	85	2012-2019
2018: nicely textured, with pale depth but hearty yellow fruit, staying zesty throughout and finishing with aplomb.	2018	87	2019-2027
2020: richly textured yet fine and precise, with tangy orange peel, quince and yellow citrus layers, lush and compelling, the best yet and in another league.	2020	93	2021-2029

BF Chardonnay RR

2013: New World oak lead, fullish and round with nice fruit lift at finish.	2013	87	2013-2020
2016: oak notes nicely balanced with rich, luscious fruit, honey and pears, good weight.	2016	89	2016-2026
2017: finer than the '16, with linear orange fruit focus, less wood support and lively acidity. Clean and precise.	2017	89	2017-2027
2019: bright lemon-lime nose, then wood and pear notes, savoury and interesting and finishing with walnuts and cream.	2019	90	2019-2028

Tin Mine White RR

	2010	86	2010-2016
2011: floral nose then tangy citrus with an angular, touch harsh, edge. Needs to settle.	2011	84	2011-2018
2019: nicely balanced and harmonious despite five varieties, with peach and perfumed viscosity and enough acid to remain deft and luxurious.	2019	91	2019-2027

Gewurtraminer RRR

2015: talcum powder, Turkish delight and jasmine, very dry and bright, not oily, nice finish.	2015	87	2015-2025
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2016: impressively dry yet boldly perfumed, and not in a sweet fruited way, but crisp, generous and balanced, very nice.

2016 90 2017-2027

7even Rosé

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2011: pale pink, grippy acidity and balanced red fruits, not bone dry.

2011 84 2011-2015

2018: tightly knit, with brief red berry fruit, light and fresh but unremarkable.

2018 84 2018-2024

Tin Mine Red GSM

RR

2010: sour cherry nose then soft, mouth-watering fruit and acid, rustic but satisfying.

2010 83 2010-2019

2017: ruby-black shine, perfumed smoky mocha nose, furry tannins and blue fruits, a touch hot but pleasant and powerful.

2017 89 2019-2028

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2009: mid plum hue then dry austere tannins over juicy fruit but lacking real depth of flavour.

2009 83 2009-2017

2018: ripe and gently juicy, with some jammy red fruits and a darker fruit palate, easy-going and straightforward.

2018 85 2018-2025

Merlot

RR

2009: bright cherry fruit nose then bitter spice and oak tannins. Drinking nicely now.

2009 86 2009-2018

2017: smoky earth and bramble fruit nose, chunky, generous dusty currant and berry notes, full and effective.

2017 88 2019-2028

7even Pinotage

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2010: little depth but huge coffee nose, bright fruit with chocolate and mocha and a long finish.	2010	85	2010-2018
2013: Pinot Noir depth and red berry, then classic Pinotage liquorice attack, rather syrupy.	2013	80	2013-2023
2019: roasted coffee beans, syrupy melted blackberry, hot wet tar, better after 24 hours, full and flavoursome.	2019	86	2019-2027
2020: needs decanting to blow off the crazy tar and pitch pyrazines, then full damson and plum depths and strength.	2020	86	2021-2028

Cabernet Sauvignon

RR

	2007	88	2007-2018
2011: mid hue and weight with dark fruit flavours, not obviously oaky or heavily tannic	2011	87	2011-2020
2013: clean and mid weight, with dark fruit and an easy finish.	2013	85	2013-2023
2015: dry, firm and dusty tannins, deep blue fruit, finishing quickly.	2015	85	2015-2026
2016: green leaf notes, light forward fruit and smooth easy drinking. Very pleasant.	2015	85	2015-2027
2017: caramel and vanilla sweet oak and pencil shaving nose, dusty dry tannins, full bodied dark fruited if rather gruff.	2017	89	2018-2028

Primitivo

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2010: jammy nose cherries and dried apricots with raspberry. Raw wild forest	2010	86	2010-2017
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fruit, untamed and unusual.

7even Syrah R

2016: dark and spicy, with Mourvedre's rustic animal edge, bold and simple and muscular.	2016	84	2016-2026
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Syrah RR

	2001	89	2002-2013
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2008: meaty farmyard nose then dark and spicy blackberries with floral and pepper tones.	2008	88	2009-2018
2016: big, bold and juicy, with supple bramble black fruits, not peppery, very accessible.	2016	87	2016-2026
2018: bold mocha, cocoa powder and graphite aromas, with intense dark fruit bluntness, rather uncouth but effective.	2018	87	2019-2027

Z Reserve Bordeaux Blend RRR

2009: dark cassis fruit, oak highlights, big tannins and lush fat fruit offering a wonderful experience.	2009	92	2011-2020
2013: dark fruits, quite grippy, with spice and an Edgy earthy bite, great with food.	2013	89	2014-2025
2014: forward, juicier than the '13, with silky cassis fruit, some green leaf and tobacco notes.	2014	89	2015-2026

Rhone Blend (was Z) RRR

2008: shy nose of pepper and sweet fruit, then sour cherry and bitter chocolate, rustic	2008	91	2010-2020
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and with a lovely finish.

2011: spicy red fruit, forward and bold, herbs and
distinct mint notes and a mocha hint.

2011 88 2012-2022

Semillon Straw Wine 375m RR

2006 92 2008-2018