

ASHMEAD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015

THE WINE ADVOCATE

Joe Czerwinski, Issue 238, September 2018

94 Points

All Cabernet, all new French oak (a mix of hogsheads and puncheons) and all Barossa, the 2015 Ashmead Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a beautiful example of Barossa Cabernet. The nose features mint and cassis notes that are almost floral. The palate is full-bodied but elegant, firm but silky. The finish is long and lined with fine-grained tannins and a touch of aristocratic austerity. And the entire package is varietally distinct and built to age for two decades from the vintage. Well done.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN

Ray Jordan, April 2018

97 Points

Boy, this is one of the best I have tasted of this classic Barossa old-vine cabernet sauvignon. Such a seamless and elegant wine, with true varietal cabernet of a type you only get in the very best vintages. Blackcurrant and tobacco leaf, with a little black olive. Silky-smooth palate with such elegant tannins and fine-grained oak. A beauty.

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Huon Hooke, April 2018

5 Stars & 96 Points

Deep red/purple colour with a ripe blackberry fruity dominance. Full-bodied, firm and powerful, a big, concentrated and statuesque wine, with abundant tannin and astringency, length and drive. An alcohol kick on the finish. A big, dense concentrated cellaring special. This will live long and well.

HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2018

James Halliday, August 2017

96 Points

A deep crimson edging on opaque, this wine brims with cabernet's varietal stash of attributes: currant and a swag of dark plum, dried sage, bouquet garni and a gentle lilt of grassiness. At first gentle and massaged by the sheer density of flavour, the tannins-grape and classy French oak-grow in stature as the wine opens; with well handled acidity levels serving as an echo chamber, drawing the flavours back across the senses. While corpulent, this wine's sheer mass is impeccably tucked in at the seams. To be slowly unravelled by time. From vines planted in '44.

WINE SPECTATOR

MaryAnn Worobiec, February 2018

92 Points

Ripe, juicy blackberry and cherry flavors are generous and plump, with shadings of vanilla, toast and cedar. Notes of black licorice, espresso and Black Forest cake add an unctuous accent to the finish. The tannins are smooth and velvety. Drink now through 2027.