

Ashmead Cabernet Sauvignon

2017



95 POINTS

Halliday Wine Companion 2021

August 2020 *Full-bodied, rich and opulent, with new oak very much in evidence from start to finish. Unexpectedly, it is on the aftertaste that the fruit breaks free from the yoke of the oak.*

93 POINTS

Campbell Matthinson | The Wine Front

February 2020 *As much redcurrant as blackcurrant on the nose but then sweet with cassis/Ribena-like flavours through the length of the palate. Smoky/toasty oak is apparent all the way long though as it breathes the fruit pushes through and ultimately wins the day. There's a resinous character to this wine which some may find distracting. In general though the power of fruit here is pretty impressive, especially once it's had time to open up properly.*

93 POINTS

Huon Hooke | therealreview.com

February 2020 *Very deep, dark red colour with good purple tints. The bouquet is rich and reserved and gently herbal, with earthy and 'forest floor' touches. The wine is full-bodied and loaded with flavour, the tannins bold and robust, with a touch of chewiness. Fruit-sweet core. Not an elegant cabernet, but full-throated and it does deliver bang for your bucks. It should be cellared for the best results.*

92 POINTS

Wine Advocate

June 2019 *A bit leafier than the stellar 2016, the 2017 Ashmead Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is still a fine, elegant example of Barossa Cabernet. Medium-bodied, it's smooth and streamlined, with a somewhat linear feel and a crisp, gently tannic finish.*

95 POINTS

James Halliday | The Weekend Australian Magazine

July 2021 *The cool growing season produced exceptionally good varietal expression; this has blackcurrant fruit with threads of mint, black olive and bay leaf flowing through it. It makes light work of 18 months' maturation in new French oak. Drink to 2037.*

93 POINTS

Sarah Ahmed | Decanter

November 2021 *Gravelly earth, polished blackcurrant, cassis and pronounced liquorice to nose and mid-weight palate. Tobacco, curry leaf and sundried tomato nuances follow through, reflecting the cooler year. Mellow but lingering, the flavours mesh with the textural, sinewy tannins on a coffee-edged finish. Sourced from a single Nuriootpa block planted in about 1944 near the North Para River's banks, the wine was aged in 100% new French oak.*

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Nick Stock | jameassuckling.com

August 2020 *From a single parcel in the Nuriootpa Vineyard, this has aromas of currants, violets, spiced bread and blueberries as well as cassis and mulberries. Some earthy notes, too. The palate has a very focused core of black cherries, dark plums and blueberries and smooth, even tannin texture. Supple and long. Medium-to full-bodied and very drinkable. Drink over the next decade.*