

# Ribbon Vale Cabernet Sauvignon

2017



94 POINTS

**James Halliday Wine Companion**

August 2020 *Has the nervous energy of its '18 sibling, but the herbal, forest floor characters show the door to the fruit. Bordeaux lovers may enjoy this wine.*

90 POINTS

**Joe Czerwinski | Robert Parker Wine Advocate**

January 2020 *The 2017 Ribbon Vale Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon includes 4% each Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The result is a silky, medium-bodied red with floral, violet-like aromas, raspberry and pomegranate notes and a soft, easy-drinking finish.*

93 POINTS

**Huon Hooke | The Real Review**

November 2019 *Medium to deep, bright red/purple colour. The bouquet is shy and reserved, with toasty oak uppermost, the palate tangy with fresh acidity and medium to full body. The tannins are very soft and rounded, the palate flavour bright and zingy, lively and energised by its acidity. On the other hand, it's elegant and refined and somewhat understated. A finer style that drinks well young and is well worth cellaring*

96 POINTS

**Ray Jordan | The West Australian**

November 2019 *Opens with an ethereal perfume that's classically cabernet. The palate is medium to full bodied and so graceful and elegant. The focus on tannin management in this vineyard has really paid off with this exceptional wine. Fine mineral tannins with a degree of light bay leaf and blackcurrant emerging. A super wine*

4.5 STARS

**Fergal Gleeson | Great Wine Blog**

*Elite Cabernet already showing complexity with blackcurrant, tar, tannins, leather all adding to a satisfying finish. The Ribbon Vale vineyard produces one of the three Moss Wood Cabernets. Ribbon Vale tends to produce a slightly sterner expression than Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon and is generally more suited to cellaring for a few years. Though the 2017 also offers pleasure in the here and now. Moss Wood have just marked 50 years since establishment without making a big fuss. The highly capable Keith and Clare Mugford let the wine do the talking. Strong words softly spoken...*

96 POINTS

**Bob Campbell | The Real Review**

October 2019 *Strongly varietal aroma with blackcurrant, cedar and a subtle floral note. A core of sweet fruit with a subtle liquorice, spice and anise influence wraps around a backbone of fine, soft tannins. An elegant wine that is approachable now but promises to develop well with bottle age*