

Ribbon Vale Cabernet Sauvignon

2018



96 POINTS

Ray Jordan | The West Australian Wine Guide 2022

November 2021 *This is a modern old-world take on sauvignon blanc. There's multiple yeast use in the fermentation and a little oak adding complexity and adding to the interest on the palate. I has about 10 months in oak before bottling, with just a light fining. It's atypical of Aussie savvies and great example of what can be achieved with a little inventiveness.*

94 POINTS

James Suckling | jamesuckling.com

August 2021 *A rich and concentrated, single-vineyard cabernet that has aromas of blackcurrants and blackberries with cedary overtones, as well as dark-leaf roasting herbs. The palate is subtly creamy and has a sleek, fine-grained tannin feel. This has impressive depth and purity with intense red and dark berries holding long. Drink or hold.*

97 POINTS & TOP 10 GREAT REDS

Erin Larkin | Halliday Wine Companion

August 2021 *We live in hallowed times: the '18 cabernets from Margaret River are being released into the wild... there's never been a better time to be alive. Concentrated, fine, pedigree cabernet explosive, low-down torque that drags the flavors of the palate into the interminably long finish. Epic. Will live as long as you do.*

96 POINTS

Ray Jordan | The Weekend West Australian

February 2021 *Such a beautifully balanced cabernet. The key to this vineyard has always been tannin management. This is spot-on. Sure, there are tannins, but you want that with cabernet, right? There's a minerally, slightly ironstone character threading through it with leafy blackcurrant and, slightly, back olive nuances. Dry savoury finish with a touch of bay leaf. Outstanding wine from an outstanding vintage. In fact, might well be the best cabernet yet from this vineyard.*

John Lewis | Newcastle Herald

January 2021 *With 14.5% alcohol, bright purple hues and potpourri scents, the MossWood 2018 RibbonVale Cabernet Sauvignon is from the 6.36-hectare vineyard south of the original MossWood site and bought by the Mugfords in 2000. It shows racy blackberry front-palate flavour, middle-palate plum, spice, mint and mocha oak and a dusty tannin finish.*

95 POINTS & 5 STARS

Bob Campbell | The Real Review

December 2020 *Deeply-scented wine with aromas of cassis, dried fruits and subtle floral flavours. Dense, rich wine with an appealing, sumptuous texture and flavours that suggest Christmas cake, liquorice, cedar, violet and wood-smoke. An intense, powerful and long-lived red.*

94 POINTS

Gary Walsh, The Wine Front

December 2020 *I should imagine the estate Cabernet Sauvignon should be pretty strong in 2018, based on this showing. Dark and brooding style of Cabernet with deep black fruit, some red ones peeping up, walnut, liquorice and new leather, with a subtle dried rose floral thing, and light biscuity oak. Full-bodied, dark chocolate and orange, savoury earthy flavours, ripe and dense tannin, and a bright finish of excellent length. Shows the house style to full effect. It's an excellent release.*

Marc Malouf | Wine Worth Writing About

December 2020

Deep ruby with a purple core and a floral and woody nose of violets, lavender, redcurrant, cassis, blackberry jam, cherry, dried herbals and chocolate. Background notes of charred meat, mint, pine, graphite, kalamata olive, leather and some citrus zest bring some complexity into the mix. Deliciously rich and silky in the mouth with ribbons of red and blackberries, plum and cherry, zapped by a peppery raspberry-like acidity. Fulsome, smooth and well balanced with a tightly wound structure held together by a natural fruit tension and finely knit tannins. Good drive keeps the juice moving. The midpalate comes in eventually and reveals some baking spice and dried fruit, along with a creaminess of texture from the tannins. The tail stretches for a while and fades with eucalyptus, plum skins and some charred notes. This is awesome! Made in a great vintage from 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc, resulting in a delicious wine that pleases as much as it excites the palate. It feels both youthful and mature at the same time and lives up to the expectations of elegance for a Moss Wood Cabernet. Drink now or hold for further silkiness!