

Ribbon Vale Cabernet Sauvignon

2020



95 POINTS

Cameron Douglas MS | camerondouglasms.com

December 2022 *A lovely bouquet with a complex mix of soft smoky wood and dark berries, crushed violets and sweet tobacco, sweet black olives and bell-peppers with baking spices and clay soil scents. Weighty, intense and dry on the palate, there's lots of textures from tannins and acidity then contrasting flavours of black berries and plums, black currant and tobacco spices. Taut, dry, youthful and needs time. Best drinking from 2025 through 2035.*

5 STARS & 95 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | Cellar Talk

February 2023 *Delicious wine with cassis, black cherry/berry, anise, pepper, cacao powder, cigar box and spicy oak. Sumptuous wine that is a pleasure to taste and will, I suggest, get even better as it ages. It has a wonderful texture and impressive underlying power.*

93 POINTS

Gary Walsh | The Wine Front

January 2023 *Red and black fruit, dark mint chocolate, coffee bean and tar. Medium to full-bodied, rum and raisin chocolate, dried herbs and cedar, firm grainy tannin, fresh small red berry acidity, something of an ironstone character too, with a savoury dried cherry chocolate finish of excellent length.*

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Stuart Knox | The Real Review

January 2023 *Deep and vibrant ruby red with a bouquet of cassis, tobacco, and pencil shavings. Medium bodied but with a sense of intensity to its black fruit that demands your attention. Hints of black spices and curing meat add to the attraction and firm tannins are well poised to carry the entire package long and lingering. Still youthful, it will reward further cellaring if you have the patience.*

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Angus Hughson | Winepilot

December 2022 *Here we have a real claret style – a highly pure and elegant Cabernet blend with a smattering of other Bordeaux varieties. It opens with bright and appealing aromas of red and black currant fruits with dried herbs in support all well integrated with high quality oak. It's then mid-weight and poised yet with quite a sturdy structure backed by dark, gravelly flavours topped by a violet lift before delivering a long, sinewy finish. Impressive but needs a couple of years to settle.*

4.5 STARS

Fergal Gleeson | Great Wine Blog

December 2022 *Moss Wood Ribbon Vale Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 is another impressive release. Depth and concentration are the words here. Bright red and black fruit flavours are meshed in a web of high quality tannins with a long finish. Of all the wines in the Moss Wood stable the RV Cabernet demands time in the cellar. The tannins will loosen up in the next 3- 5 years but the cellaring potential is prodigious from there such is the quality and pedigree of this wine. The terroir of the Ribbon Vale vineyard makes for a more savoury and structured Cabernet than Moss Wood Cabernet which is plusher on release. Decades of winemaking 'know how' go into Moss Wood's wines. This is quite a regal Cabernet. Patience will be rewarded!*