



Reviews & Accolades

CHURCH BLOCK CABERNET SHIRAZ MERLOT 2017

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92 Points

This is in good shape in this vintage with very clear cabernet cassis and blackcurrant aromas, as well as leaves and red fruit. The palate has a very evenly paced build with layers of tannin and a smooth, juicy and deep finish. A blend of 52 cabernet sauvignon shiraz and 9 merlot. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

100 BEST AUSTRALIAN WINES 2019/20

Matthew Jukes, May 2019

92 Points & #6 Top 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Blends, Australia

2017 Church Block is an eternal favourite of mine in both 100 Best and my other writing, too. In 2017 this is a feisty, naughty, edgy wine with an unpredictable attitude, hinting that it is a non-conformist in this vintage. Just when you thought you could predict that Church Block would always taste the same (i.e. great), it has released a wine which shows that it can have fun, push the boundaries and tweak the taste buds like never before.

THE REAL REVIEW

Toni Paterson MW, May 2019

92 Points & #6 Top 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Blends, Australia

Dark red hues with medium intensity. Excellent cherry jam and Turkish Delight aromas. Also, some dark cherry, and a hint of sarsaparilla. The palate is deliciously fleshy, plush, supple and chocolatey, and the tannins are beautifully integrated into the fabric of the wine. This McLaren Vale blend does not disappoint. Top value.

THE AUSTRALIAN

Nick Ryan, April 2019

The contemporary Church Block is a blend of 52 per cent cabernet, 39 per cent shiraz and a "not as heretical as it might seem" 9 per cent of merlot. It delivers cassis and black cherries, mulberries and dry gum leaves, a seam of dark chocolate. There's supple flesh draped over a sturdy skeleton; it fills the mouth with generous flavour before tapering beautifully through a finish shaped by dusty tannins. It really is text-book stuff and there are lessons here for those who want to listen.