

Church Block Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot 2022



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Marcus Ellis | Halliday Wine Companion

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A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot. The Wirra Wirra worker bee, this does what Church Block typically does: deliver ample flavour and fruit plushness but with a measure of structure and freshness that makes it a great all-rounder, a friend to many foods and weighted to invite a second glass. Brambly red fruits, leafiness, cracked pepper, dark berry notes, a sweet-fruited mid-palate, and a nice grip to close. It's a fine release.

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Ned Goodwin MW | jameisuckling.com

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A vintage that marks an incoming winemaker and a culling of lesser quality fruit. Cabernet and shiraz, the Aussie archetype. Consummate, medium-bodied and savory, with better tannin management than what I recall of past vintages. Bay leaves, currants and iodine, with licorice tannins serving as gentle directives to good, supple length. An everyday claret for the sophisticate, with a strong maritime feel.

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Angus Hughson Vinous | vinous.com

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The Church Block is upping its game in 2022 with the addition of superstar winemaker Emma Wood. It delivers generous layers of fruit, leafy lifted blackcurrants showing Cabernet origins brightly, with chocolate-berry and old oak in strong support. Excellent power for the price, more berry with gravel and graphite underpinned by a solid core of tannins. The structure is surprisingly strong for a wine at this price, so it's a bargain for the cellar.