

Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

2017**XANADU**
MARGARET RIVER

97 POINTS

Campbell Mattinson | Halliday Wine Companion 2021

August 2020

With 95% cabernet sauvignon, 5% malbec. It's a best barrels selection with the final blend seeing 45% new French oak. This takes quality by the scruff of the neck. It's seriously good cabernet: firm, flavoursome, tidy, balanced and long. It has excellent concentration, a thick mesh of tannin and enough nuance for you to know that more is to come. You could build a cellar around a wine like this.

96 POINTS

Gary Walsh | The Wine Front

August 2020

I see we've not reviewed this wine since the 2014 vintage, and then I checked the Xanadu website, and this is the first release since that vintage. Phew. Thought we'd been slacking. Anyway, The Cabernet Master™ is back on the case. Turns up the tannin and intensity, blue and black fruit, cocoa, baking spices and bay leaf. Thick and gravelly, bright and buoyant blueberry and boysenberry, clean lines of acidity, and a long spiced and perfumed finish, lots of chocolate, tobacco, dried flowers and ripe tannin. It's an excellent wine, but it's the quality and density of tannin that pushes me towards such a high score. Just.

96 POINTS

Huon Hooke | The Real Review

June 2020

Vivid deep-purple colour. Exuberant, hi-fi cabernet aromas of cassis, blueberry, violets and other berries, fruit doing all the talking - and loudly. The palate is exceedingly elegant, refined and poised. Very intense, with fine but persuasive tannins, and refreshing acidity. This is a surprisingly medium to full bodied wine for a Reserve cabernet, not a blockbuster but very intense, a smart wine indeed. It's a baby and desperately needs more time.

96 POINTS

Nick Stock | jameessuckling.com

April 2020

This makes a striking impression of classically cedary oak, cloves, nutmeg, toasted wood, cocoa, red cherries, blueberries, mint and leafy nuances and more. So complex. The palate has a succulent and very vibrant delivery of fruit flesh and finely detailed tannin with a long, fresh, concentrated and elegantly fine run to the finish. Great now, but en better from 2024.

4 STARS

Lester Jesberg | Winewise

May 2020

A powerful, fresh, cassis-scented wine that is quite fragrant. There's plenty of varietal flavour with a structure to match. It definitely needs time to show its best.

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