Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon





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Jane Faulkner Halliday | Wine Companion

May 2021

A fragrant and very fine reserve. It kicks off with violets and cassis, menthol and blackberries, licorice and mocha then freshly rolled tobacco. The oak is well integrated, the tannins precise and persuasive and really, nothing is out of place. But given its youth, it is tightly wound and needs more time.

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Huon Hooke | The Real Review

May 2021

Deep red colour with a good tint of purple and a bold minty-gumleafy bouquet, lots of dark fruits as well, more perfumed as it opened up with time The palate is very firm and tight, and just a touch astringent. The wine is stern on the finish and really cries out for more time in the cellar. It has very good concentration, structure and persistence. All it needs is time, so cellar it!

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Campbell Mattinson | winepilot.com

June 2021

Yes it's impressive. Not in an obvious way – it's cabernet after all – but give it enough rope and it sets itself free. It's a wine of blackcurrant and olive, cedar wood and fragrant herbs, though the longer it breathes the more you see that it's a wine too of tannin and associated structure. This is a wine run along classic lines, and while I'm score it 94/100 time may well prove me conservative.

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Angus Hughson | winepilot.com

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Yarra Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is not for everyone thanks to its elegant frame and style. It's a little too understated for most big red fans. But if there was one wine out there to change the hearts and minds then this just might be it. Deeply coloured, there is an almost Coonawarra sweetness of blackcurrant fruits matched up with red currants, cedar and crushed leaves plus some serious oak along for the ride. Fruit is then punchy in the mouth with cascades of dark berries driven by fresh acidity and a core of firm tannins before a very long, pure and balanced finish. It's not quite ready to dance yet but everything is in place for a wine that will drink well for the next decade if not two.

Morgan Dunn | winepilot.com

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Structured and strong, a testament to how concentrated Yarra cabernet can be. Coffee, chocolate, intense blackberry and deep plum notes. Cedar and spice speckled tannin is sturdy and holds the fruit with a steady hand. This is a special bottle, complete and harmonious and which drinks like a well-trusted friend. Make sure you pen in another visit in a decade or so.

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Ray Jordan | winepilot.com

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Cabernet is often overlooked when considering what the Yarra Valley does well. But warmer vintages like this one, where the fruit has achieved ripeness and flavour intensity, shows just how good it can be. This is a typically elegant and stylish expression with lifted red fruit on the nose and supported by chalky fine tannin. Has a striking, cutting minerality that plays out in the structure and firmness through the core middle palate. There's a very aromatic perfumed character that is immediately captivating and it builds explosively to a very long finish.

