

Element Vineyard Syrah

2019



95 POINTS

Cameron Douglas MS | camerondouglasms.com

December 2022 *A powerful bouquet driven by aromas of spices and dark red fleshed fruits, seasoned red meats and there's layers of barrel and smoke, wood spices and pressed violets. Complex and youthful. Equally powerful on the palate with a firm taut texture from tannins and back bone of acidity; tempering and contrasting core fruit flavours of dark berries and spiced meats layer in complexity and mouthfeel. This wine needs more time, it is delicious already, dry and lengthy. Best drinking from very late 2023 through 2033.*

4.5 STARS

Michael Cooper | The Listener

March 2023 *The 2019 vintage (4.5*) is a single-vineyard red, matured for 14 months in French oak barriques and bottled unfiltered. Deeply coloured, it is vividly varietal, with a fresh, slightly peppery bouquet. Mouthfilling and supple, it has strong, ripe blackcurrant, plum and spice flavours, supple tannins, lively acidity and a finely textured, very harmonious finish. Already drinking well, it should break into full stride 2025+.*

95 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | realreview.com

December 2022 *Intense wine with an appealing seamless texture and lifted aromatics. Dark berry, cassis, dark chocolate, vanilla, anise, and black pepper are also evident. Elegant, supple wine—a pleasure to taste.*

94 POINTS

James Suckling | jamesuckling.com

September 2022 *Aromas of black pepper, wet stone, crushed blueberries and plums. Medium- to full-bodied with velvety tannins. Nicely balanced, showing richness of fruit without being overdone. Dense, packed spice tingles on the palate. Very well composed. Sustainable. Drink or hold. Screw cap.*

92 POINTS

Rebecca Gibb MW | Vinous

April 2023 *The 2018 Element Vineyard usually contains some Gruner Veltliner skins but this vintage is 100% Syrah due to differences in ripening times between the two varieties. It is wild fermented with a five day cold soak and hand plunged. It's all that you would want a cool climate Syrah to be: smoky bacon, fragrant pepper, but with a sense of more sweet, lush fruit on the finish. There's 60% whole bunches, giving a light furriness to the mouthcoating tannins.*