

Merlot Cabernet

2020



94 POINTS

James Suckling | [james-suckling.com](https://www.james-suckling.com)

March 2023

I really like the flower and red fruits here that flow across the palate. Medium-bodied with fine tannins and a reserved finish. Very classy. Drink or hold.

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Cameron Douglas MS | [camdouglassms.com](https://www.camdouglassms.com)

June 2023

Complex and concentrated bouquet of plums and vanilla, blackberry fruits and clove, fresh leather, smoky oak and violets. There's compote quality, a freshness and power. The softer merlot textures touch the palate first with cacao and chocolate, plums and spices that follow. The cabernet delivers power and back bone, , blackberry and baked bell-pepper, some tobacco and more violets. Delicious and new, complex and dry, lengthy and well made. Best drinking from 2025 through 2034+.

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Sam Kim | [wineorbit.co.nz](https://www.wineorbit.co.nz)

June 2023

It's gorgeously ripe and lifted on the nose, showing blackcurrant, tobacco, cedary oak, tar and mixed spice aromas, leading to a wonderfully flavoursome palate delivering excellent weight and plump mouthfeel. Well structured by beautifully infused tannins, it's bold yet stylish with a persistent robust finish.

4.5 STARS

Michael Cooper | [michaelcooperwines.com](https://www.michaelcooperwines.com)

September 2023

From estate-grown vines over 30 years old, the 2020 vintage of this Waipara Valley, North Canterbury red is a Merlot-based blend, with smaller portions of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. It was matured for 18 months in French oak barriques (15 per cent new). Deeply coloured, it is full-bodied and rich, with generous, vibrant plum, blackcurrant and spice flavours, supple tannins and a wellrounded finish. Still very youthful,