

Awatea Cabernet Merlot

2018

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93 POINTS

Nick Stock | jameessuckling.com

December 2020 *There's a very attractive, cedary edge to this with red cherries, redcurrants and blueberries, as well as darker plum and cocoa notes. The palate is so composed and fresh and has a vivid, detailed and neatly layered feel. Drinks well now, as it will for the next six to eight years.*

94 POINTS

Gary Walsh | The Wine Front

October 2020 *Perfumed with violet, raspberry, blackcurrant, lead pencil, a smattering of dried herb and paprika. It's medium-bodied, but dense and full of flavour, fine-boned, fresh and crisp, a purple juiciness through it, and a cool feel, along with fine tightly packed emery tannin. The length is both precise and long. Beautiful svelte Cabernet of grace and class.*

5 STARS & 95 POINTS

Sam Kim | wineorbit.co.nz

March 2020 *The perfumed bouquet shows dark and purple fruit characters with warm spice, olive, cedar and floral notes. It's splendidly concentrated and beautifully layered on the palate, delivering excellent fruit power combined with depth and complexity, finishing persistent and engaging. The wine is gorgeously framed by an abundance of powdery tannins, making it classically structured while remaining finely balanced and graceful. A blend of 48% cabernet sauvignon, 37% merlot and 15% cabernet franc. At its best: 2022 to 2030.*