

Awatea Cabernet Merlot

2019

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96 POINTS

Cameron Douglas MS | camdouglasms.com

February 2021 *Very youthful and concentrated with dark berries and clove vanilla oak, smoky and forward, varietal and urgent. Great wine - young and needs time, but has power and muscle I have not really noticed before. Spicy plums and dark berries, black berry and black currant. Firm tannins and acidity, youthful, focused, high energy and very exciting. Best drinking from 2022 through 2028+.*

96 POINTS & 5 STARS

Sam Kim | wineorbit.co.nz

February 2021 *Instantly satisfying and inviting on the nose, showing blackcurrant, dried herb, floral and spicy oak characters, leading to a delectably expressed palate that's filled with dark and red fruit flavours with a discreet oak infusion. Offering excellent structure and immense drinkability at the same time, it's hugely charming and enticing. A blend of 46% cabernet sauvignon, 32 merlot & 22 cabernet Franc. At its best: 2024 to 2034.*

5 STARS

Michael Cooper | Listener Magazine

March 2021 *Awatea lives in the shadow of its more illustrious stablemate, Coleraine, but in its infancy is more open and expressive. Estate-grown at Havelock North and in the Bridge Pā Triangle, and French oak-aged for 15 months, this deeply coloured red is sturdy, with concentrated blackcurrant, plum and spice flavours, a hint of herbs and a rich, smooth finish. Best drinking 2024-plus.*

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Bob Campbell MW | Gourmet Traveller Wine

May 2021 *Cabernet sauvignon-dominant, with merlot and cabernet franc, like its big brother, Coleraine. Dense, lush red with cassis, ripe berry and cedar wood flavours. Seriously good and very accessible wine that offers great value at this price.*