

Awatea Cabernet Merlot

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95 POINTS & 5 STARS

Bob Campbell MW | Gourmet Traveller Wine

January 2022

A blend of cabernet sauvignon 54%, merlot 34% and cabernet franc 12%. Elegant wine with blackcurrants, rose petals, fresh herbs, cedar wood and spicy oak (among others). Inevitably, Awatea will be compared to its big brother Coleraine. It stands up well particularly when price is factored in.

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Sam Kim | wineorbit.co.nz

February 2022

Without question, the best Awatea ever made. It's immediately inviting on the nose showing blackcurrant, sweet plum, subtle tobacco, floral and cedar aromas, followed by a wonderfully weighted palate displaying terrific fruit power and density. It's sturdy and robust with silky texture and loads of cocoa tannins. A blend of 54% cabernet sauvignon, 34% merlot 12% cabernet franc. Exceptional value. Best: 2024 to 2036.

5 STARS

Michael Cooper | Listener Magazine

February 2022

Offering top value, this deeply coloured, highly fragrant red is mouthfilling, with concentrated ripe flavours of blackcurrants, plums, herbs and spices, finely integrated oak, and a tightly structured, persistent finish.