Estate Merlot Cabernets

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95 POINTS & 5 STARS

Sam Kim | Wine Orbit

October 2022   *This is instantly seductive on the nose showing blackcurrant, floral, subtle tobacco and toasted almond characters. The palate has excellent weight and fruit intensity, superbly complemented by spice nuances and finely flowing mouthfeel. Beautifully integrated chalky tannins provide classic structure and length, offering gorgeous drinking.*

94+ POINTS

Gary Walsh | winefront.com.au

October 2022   *Pencils, black fruit, black olive, violet, spice. Medium-bodied, ripe tannin, rich, zesty, green and black olive, blue and red fruit. aniseed, crushed berries, such a good wine, so lively and packed with dark berry fruit and saline flavour. Firm grip of tannin on a very long finish. All the things. Impeccable. Hard to imagine a better value, and more serious Bordeaux blend at this price point. Incredible.*

92 POINTS

Huon Hooke | The Real Review

January 2023   *Very deep, bright purple-red colour with a slightly raw, callow aroma of mulberry, blueberry and violet, the palate lean and sinewy with intensity and focus, tension and length, with fine, lacy tannins and good balance. Enjoy it now for its remarkable fruit purity or cellar to build some complexity.*

90 POINTS

Erin Larkin | Robert Parker Wine Advocate

September 2023   *The 2021 Merlot Cabernet comprises 49% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Cabernet Franc. At $25NZD (circa $15 USD), this is ultra elegant. On the nose, it is leafy, earthly, spicy and brambly, and in the mouth, it's a classic, light to medium-bodies Bordeaux blend. Its a lovely, fleshy, brambly and juicy wine with blood plums, damsons, bay leaf and salted liquorice. Excellent value for the money! Resolved, savoury and so good. Excellent value.... so good.*

92 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | The Real Review

February 2023   *Moderately intense wine with cassis, plum, blackberry, new leather and nutty oak flavours. Impressive wine for an entry level red that obviously received a boost from a favourable vintage.*