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REVIEWS FOR THE VISIONARY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2013

MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Reviews

5 jan 2017

92/100 outstanding

Expressive and richly fragrant, with nutmeg, clove, cigar box and black tea notes and a core of dense huckleberry and plum flavors. The aromas expand on the finish, where a smoky detail gains momentum. Drink now through 2027.

Rich Cook,

5 jan 2017

96/100

This is the second vintage that I've had the opportunity to taste, and my notes are nearly identical to the 2010 I tasted in 2015. Classic Cabernet that isn't ashamed of its regional minty character, but doesn't overplay its hand, allowing the fruit and spice notes to speak clearly. Age-worthy structure and lively acidity bode well for the long haul, but you may not make it very long, especially if you like that mint character on the bright side. A fine tribute to founder Bill Taylor.

Nick Stock, Take Note: Real Australian Wine Is Here

7 jan 2017

92/100

A gently lifted edge with a sheen of baking spices, ripe purple cherry and cassis fruits as well as a minty, leafy edge. The palate's rich and dense and the oak is nicely subsumed into the fruit. Slightly pudding-like texture through the finish. Drink now to 2025.

Meredith May, Publisher's Picks

8 jan 2017

95/100

Exquisitely presented red and blue fruit; sherry and boysenberry with a touch of raisin 'ripasso'. Sensually sound on the palate, round and juicy with a drying effect, headed by spearmint, underbrush, mocha and violets.

Panel, Cabernet Sauvignon Tastings 2018

5 jan 2018

93 points

Spearmint but with a presence. Raw acid & tannins but the extra bottle age has softened the edges (Andrew Graham, Online Communications Manager, Cracka Wines)

Christina Pickard, August Buying Guide

6 jan 2018

92 points

From the relatively cooler climes of the Clare Valley, this is a dense and broody, yet multifaceted wine expressing red current, menthol, licorice, cola, black pepper and sweet oak on the nose. The palate is full bodied to be sure but it's clear that this wine is in it for the long haul. Everything is in place, from ultrafine tannins to a silky texture, all held together with plenty of plush fruit and savoriness. Drink 2010–2022

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Raymond Chan, Taylor Brown – A Selection of The Best Wines

7 jan 2018

19.5/20

Very dark, deep, black-hued ruby-red colour, a little lighter on the rim with a suggestion of garnet. The nose is deeply packed and concentrated with very ripe aromas of blackcurrants, blackberries and cassis liqueur, beautifully and harmoniously integrated with ethereal noses of spice, herbs, and cedary, pencil oak. The volume and detail are allied with complexing nuances, and the aromatics exude finesse. Full-bodied, the palate has a sweetly rich, deep and succulent core of ripe blackcurrant fruit with cassis and blackcurrants, melded with mint herbs and cedary, pencil oak. The wine has strong linearity and the fruit is supported by fine-grained tannin extraction providing a firm core and plenty of drive. The acidity lends freshness and tension, and the wine carries to a very long, sweet finish of blackcurrants, cassis and cedar. This is a wonderfully rich and concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon with deep and sweet flavours of blackcurrant, blackberries, cassis and mint and exotic, cedary oak with plenty of structure, grip and length. Match with roasted lamb or beef over the next 12-15+ years. A barrel selection wine. Fruit from the best blocks including 'A70' on the 'St Andrews' vineyard and old vine fruit from 'Wakefield', fermented to 14.4% alc., the wine aged 12 months in 40% new French oak, and after selection, given a further 6 months barrel maturation.

Michael Cooper, All in the family

8 jan 2018

5 stars

Built for the long haul, this very refined red was matured for an unusually long period in French oak barrels. Enticingly fragrant, it is complex, dark and robust (14.5% alc/vol), with notably concentrated blackcurrant, plum and nut flavours.

Isaac James Baker, Wine Reviews: Australia

11 jan 2018

93 points

Dark purple color. Deep, wafting aromas of blackberries, boysenberry and blueberry, rich but crunchy, with mint, anise, wet earth, cedar forest, some vanilla and warm cocoa. Full-bodied with serious grip but the tannins show some velvetiness, too, and the acidity is great and the mouthfeel is lovely. Tart black cherries, black currants, plum skins, along with cocoa, anise, coffee, and complex tobacco, graphite, earth, forest floor. Beautiful, a fresher feel than the 2014, expressive in youth, although this can also age for quite some time. Aged 20 months in French oak.

Julia Harding MW,

1 jan 2019

17 points

Deep smudgy garnet. Minty and lively dark fruit on the nose. A touch medicinal and leafy but no lack of dark fruit. Lovely scent. Chewy and rich but fresh on the palate, real depth of fruit without heaviness and a hint of savoury tar on the finish to add further complexity. Tannins are still firm but fully integrated.

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Richard Hemming MW,

11 jan 2018

17.5 points

Powerful, juicy, fruit-driven style with loads of fluffy tannin giving firm structure and powerful concentration – yet it isn't a monster; there is shading and interest here. Plenty of oak spice on the finish, with lots of modern, expressive blackcurrant ripeness.

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