

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINE SPECIFICATION

Vintage | 2022

Grape variety | 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Oak maturation | 16 months - 28% new, 72% two and three year old French oak barriques

Typical analysis | 14.0% Alc/Vol

Release date | September 2023

TASTING NOTES

Colour | Deep red with purple hue.

Aroma

Clean and fragrant, showing great purity and concentration. The wine opens with blackberry, cassis, gravel dust, bay leaf, cocoa and fine cedar oak.

Palate

Full and dense with fine powdery tannin. There are flavours of cassis, bay leaf, blackberry, cocoa, gravel dust and cedar oak. A powerful wine, decanting recommended.

Food matches

Traditional roast lamb with rosemary.

Peak drinking | Drinking well now but will develop further in the bottle through until 2034. The wine will benefit from decanting before drinking.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Viticulture

Picked from a selection of super premium cabernet vineyards at our disposal including a portion of open lyre trellis. As always, meticulous management of bud numbers and shoot thinning ensure a balanced canopy to ripen the crop. The vines grow in the well regarded gravelly/granite soils of Northern Margaret River and are allowed to reach full ripeness before harvesting. The 2022 growing season was warm and dry which allowed us to harvest grapes with ripe fruit characters and tannins. Our best Cabernet blocks were harvested between the 31st March and the 5th of April.

Winemaking

The fruit was harvested in the morning, delivered to the winery and was processed straight away on receipt. Fermentation was controlled at 25-29 degrees Celsius in our small open fermenters with heading down boards. Extraction was achieved by daily draining of the wine away from the skins and returning back over the top, with fermentation and maceration times varying from 7 to 30 days. The wine was then pressed to a blend of new and older French oak barriques to complete malo - lactic fermentation.

Storage/Bottling

Maturation lasted 15 months before the wine was bottled in July 2023. Bottled under screw cap to ensure the wine retains its varietal and regional integrity for longer.



CABERNET SAUVIGNON ACHIEVEMENTS

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Decanter World Wine Awards 2023 | **Silver** - 90 points
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2023 | **93 points**
London International Wine Challenge 2023 | **Bronze**

2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

James Halliday Cabernet Challenge 2022 | **TROPHY**
James Halliday Cabernet Challenge 2022 | **Best in Region - Margaret River - 97 points**
Wine Show of WA Mount Barker 2022 | **GOLD**
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2022 | **GOLD**
Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2022 | **GOLD**
Australian Small Wine Makers Show 2022 | **GOLD**
Royal Queensland Wine Awards 2022 | **Silver**
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2022 | **Silver**
Decanter World Wine Awards 2022 | **Silver**
National Wine Show of Australia 2022 | **Bronze** 92 points
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2022 | **Bronze**
Margaret River Wine Show 2022 | **Bronze**
Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2022 | **Bronze**

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Decanter World Wine Awards 2021 | **Silver**
Halliday Cabernet Challenge 2021 | **Silver 92 points**
London International Wine Challenge 2021 | **Bronze**
Margaret River Wine Show 2021 | **Bronze**
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2021 | **Bronze**
Australian Small Winemakers Show 2021 | **Bronze**
Sydney Royal Wine Awards 2021 | **Bronze**
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2019 | **Bronze**

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Wine Show of Western Australia 2020 | **Silver**
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2020 | **Silver**
Winestate Magazine, *Best of Varietal* | **4 Stars**

2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Decanter World Wine Awards 2019 | **Gold**
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2019 | **Gold**
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2019 | **Silver**
International Wine & Spirits Comp 2019 | **Silver**
London International Wine Challenge 2019 | **Bronze**
Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2019 | **Bronze**
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2019 | **Bronze**

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Sydney Int Wine Competition 2019 - | **BLUE GOLD**
Wine Show of WA Mount Barker 2018 | **Gold**
International Wine & Spirits Comp 2018 | **Silver Outstanding**
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2018 | **Silver**
Decanter World Wine Awards 2018 | **Silver**

Royal Hobart Wine Show 2017 | **Silver**
Margaret River Wine Show 2017 | **Silver**
Winestate Magazine, *Best of the West* | **4.5 Stars**
Wine Show of WA Mount Barker 2017 | **Bronze**
Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2018 | **Bronze**

2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Sydney Int Wine Competition 2018 - | **BLUE GOLD**
Wine Show of WA Mount Barker 2017 | **Silver**
International Wine & Spirits Competition 2013 | **Bronze**
Royal Perth Wine Show 2017 | **Bronze**
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2017 | **Bronze**
London International Wine Challenge 2017 | **Bronze**

2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Australian Small Winemakers Show 2016 | **TROPHY CHAMPION RED WINE**
Australian Small Winemakers Show 2016 | **TROPHY CHAMPION VITICULTURIST**
Australian Small Winemakers Show 2016 | **GOLD**
Sydney Int Wine Competition 2016 - | **BLUE GOLD**
Sydney Int Wine Competition 2016 - | **TOP 100**
James Halliday Cabernet Challenge 2016 | **GOLD**
Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2016 | **GOLD**
Royal Queensland Wine Show 2016 | **GOLD**
National Wine Show of Australia 2016 - | **GOLD**
Margaret River Wine Show 2016 | **GOLD**
London International Wine Challenge 2016 | **GOLD**
West Australian Wine Guide 2017 | **95 Points**

PREVIOUS VINTAGE ACCOLADES FOR THIS WINE

Gold Medals 3 | Silver Medals 24 | Bronze Medals 36

JAMES HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

2019 Cabernet Sauvignon - 93 Points
2018 Cabernet Sauvignon - 92 Points
2017 Cabernet Sauvignon - 91 Points
2016 Cabernet Sauvignon - 95 Points
2015 Cabernet Sauvignon - 94 Points
2014 Cabernet Sauvignon - 95 Points
2013 Cabernet Sauvignon - 96 Points
2012 Cabernet Sauvignon
(*Top Cellaring Selection*) - 96 Points
2011 Cabernet Sauvignon - 96 Points
2010 Cabernet Sauvignon - 94 Points
2009 Cabernet Sauvignon - 92 Points
2007 Cabernet Sauvignon - 89 Points
2005 Cabernet Sauvignon - 89 Points
2004 Cabernet Sauvignon - 92 Points
2003 Cabernet Sauvignon - 91 Points
2002 Cabernet Sauvignon - 92 Points