

LIFESTYLE CABERNET MERLOT

WINE SPECIFICATION

Vintage | 2021

Grape variety | 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot, 1% Fer

Oak maturation | 100% of the wine is aged in French oak barriques (19% new) for 18 months

Typical analysis | 13.5 Alc/Vol

Release date | March 2023

TASTING NOTES

Colour | Medium red with red-purple hue.

Aroma

Fragrant and complex, the wine opens with lifted floral characters, cassis, plum, gravel dust and integrated cedar oak.

Palate

Plump and full with a fleshy texture and soft silky tannins. There are bright fruit characters of red berry, plum and blackberry, along with lavender, cocoa and damp earth. A subtle but complex wine that's all about drinkability.

Food matches

Meat dishes, saucy pastas and cheeses.

Peak drinking | Drinking well now but will develop further over the next 5 to 8 years.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Viticulture

Fruit is sourced from neighboring properties in the most northern sub-region of Margaret River (Yallingup). Meticulous management of bud numbers and shoot thinning continues to ensure a balanced canopy and full fruit ripeness. The 2021 vintage had a cooler growing season which pushed out our picking dates around 3 weeks later than normal.

Wine making

Each parcel of fruit was gently crushed into small open fermenters with traditional heading down boards where fermentation was carried out under strict temperature controlled conditions. Extraction was achieved by daily draining of wine away from skins and returning back over the top, with fermentation and maceration times varying from 7 to 30 days. The wine was pressed to tank, where 100% was sent to new and older French oak barriques to complete the primary and malo-lactic fermentation.

Storage/Bottling

After 18 months of ageing, the wine was carefully blended to achieve this friendly Margaret River style. Bottled in a premium claret bottle using a screwcap closure. This closure will ensure the wine retains its youth and fruit integrity.



LIFESTYLE CABERNET MERLOT ACHIEVEMENTS

2020 LIFESTYLE CABERNET MERLOT

Australian Small Winemakers Show 2022 | **Silver**
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2022 | **Bronze**
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2022 | **Bronze**

2019 LIFESTYLE CABERNET MERLOT

Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2021 | **Silver**
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2021 | **Silver**
Margaret River Wine Show 2021 | **Bronze**
Wine Show of Western Australia 2021 | **Bronze**

2018 LIFESTYLE CABERNET MERLOT

Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2020 | **Silver**
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2020 | **Bronze**
Winestate Magazine, *Best of the West Wine Show* | **4.5 Stars**
Winestate Magazine, *Best of Varietal* | **4 Stars**
West Australian Wine Guide by *Ray Jordan* 2020 | **90 Points**
Margaret River Wine Show 2020 | **Bronze**
Wine Show of Western Australia 2020 | **Bronze**

2017 LIFESTYLE CABERNET MERLOT

The National Wine Show of Australia 2019 | **Gold**
Sydney International Wine Competition 2020 | **Gold**
Australian Small Winemakers Show 2019 | **Silver**
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2019 | **Bronze**
Wine Show of Western Australia 2019 | **Bronze**
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2019 | **Bronze**

2016 CABERNET MERLOT

Royal Sydney Wine Show 2018 | **Silver**
Margaret River Wine Show 2017 | **Silver**
Wine Show of Western Australia 2018 | **Bronze**
Wine Show of Western Australia 2017 | **Bronze**

2015 CABERNET MERLOT

Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2017 | **Bronze**
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2017 | **90 Points**

2014 CABERNET MERLOT

Wine Showcase Magazine 2016 | **91 Points**
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2016 | **Bronze**
Margaret River Wine Show 2016 | **Bronze**
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2016 | **Bronze**

2013 CABERNET MERLOT

Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2015 | **Gold**
Australian Small Winemakers Show 2015 | **Silver**
Rutherglen Wine Show 2015 | **Silver**
International Wine Challenge 2015 | **Silver**
Qantas Wine Show of WA Mount Barker 2015 | **Silver**
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2016 | **90 Points**
International Wine & Spirit Competition 2015 | **Bronze**

Royal Hobart Wine Show 2015 | **Bronze**
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2015 | **Bronze**

2012 CABERNET MERLOT

International Wine & Spirits Competition 2014 | **Silver**
Qantas Wine Show of WA Mount Barker 2014 | **Silver**
Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2014 | **Silver**
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2015 | **90 Points**
Australian Small Winemakers Show 2014 | **Bronze**
Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2014 | **Bronze**

2011 CABERNET MERLOT

WineGenius.com | **95 Points**
Qantas Mount Barker Wine Show 2013 | **Silver**
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2013 | **Silver**
Royal Queensland Wine Show 2013 | **Silver**
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2014 | **91 Points**
Gary Walsh, *The Wine Front* 2014 | **91 Points**
Hoon Hooke 2013 | **91 Points**
Perth Royal Wine Show 2013 | **Bronze**
International Wine & Spirits Competition 2013 | **Bronze**
International Wine Challenge 2013 | **Bronze**
Margaret River Wine Show 2013 | **Bronze**
Wine Showcase Magazine August 2013 | **88 Points**
★★★ Winestate Magazine, July/August Edition 2013

PREVIOUS VINTAGE ACCOLADES FOR THIS WINE

Gold Medals 2 | Silver Medals 5 | Bronze Medals 26

JAMES HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

2019 Cabernet Merlot - 92 Points
2018 Cabernet Merlot - 90 Points
2017 Cabernet Merlot - 89 Points
2016 Cabernet Merlot - 88 Points
2015 Cabernet Merlot - 94 Points *
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2013 Cabernet Merlot - 95 Points *
2012 Cabernet Merlot - 94 Points *
2011 Cabernet Merlot *
(Plus Best of Cabernet and Family 2015 List) - 96 Points
2010 Cabernet Merlot - 95 Points
2009 Cabernet Merlot - 91 Points
2008 Cabernet Merlot - 93 Points
2007 Cabernet Merlot - 90 Points
2005 Cabernet Merlot - 90 Points
2004 Cabernet Merlot - 90 Points

* (Plus selected as a Special Value Wine)