

**2016 WINEWISE SMALL VIGNERON
AWARDS
Cabernet Sauvignon**

South-west Western Australia has firmly cemented its position as the heartland of Australian cabernet sauvignon. The adjoining regions of Geographe and Margaret River were dominant, claiming all five gold medals and 60% of the silvers. What's more, the prices certainly aren't outrageous.



2015 Smallwater Estate Rob's Block Cabernet Sauvignon

This is a very fresh wine from the Geographe region in Western Australia which shows clear-cut varietal characteristics of blackcurrant and leaf. The palate reflects perfectly ripe fruit yet retains elegance and fineness. Impressive persistence of flavour took it to the number one spot. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

<http://www.smallwaterestate.com/>

2012 Juniper Estate Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon A rich ripe cabernet with generous blackcurrant flavour and a hint of black olive. The finish is long, and the palate is very well balanced by fine tannins and oak. (\$70.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.juniperestate.com.au>

2014 Sittella Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon The classic blackcurrant aroma and flavour are backed up by cedary overtones. Firm, balanced tannins frame an intense palate of considerable persistence. Cellar. (\$28.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.sittella.com.au>

2014 Risky Business Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon Here's another bargain-priced cabernet that's packed with varietal flavour. There's a long core of impressive flavour backed by fine, firm tannins. (\$25.00) ★★★★★
<http://www.riskybusinesswines.com.au/>

2014 Smallwater Estate Rob's Block Cabernet Sauvignon A vibrant young cabernet with plenty of varietal aroma and flavour. The oak is prominent, but the fruit carries it very well. A great double success for Smallwater Estate. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2014 Flint's of Coonawarra Gammon's Crossing Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2014 Brash Vineyard Single Vineyard Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon (\$40.00) ★★★★★

2014 Sittella Margaret River Berns Reserve (\$55.00) ★★★★★

2014 Balgownie Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$45.00) ★★★★★

2014 Warner Glen Estate Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon (\$20.00) ★★★★★

2012 Higher Plane Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon (\$50.00) ★★★★★

2015 Cook Family Estate Iconique Barrique Cabernet Sauvignon (\$80.00) ★★★

2015 Morgan Simpson Row 42 Cabernet Sauvignon (\$22.00) ★★★

2015 Ballinaclesh Joseph Cabernet Sauvignon (\$15.00) ★★★

2015 Yarran Cabernet Sauvignon (\$12.00) ★★★

2014 Rosily Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25.00) ★★★

2014 Fuddling Cup Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25.00) ★★★

2014 Mandoon Estate Research Station Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (\$79.00) ★★★

2014 Woody Nook Gallagher's Choice Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon (\$65.00) ★★★

2013 Stevens McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon ★★★

2014 Ross Hill Pinnacle Series Cabernet Sauvignon (\$40.00) ★★★

2014 St Margarets Vineyard The Far Side (\$25.00) ★★★

2015 Glenmaggie Wines Cabernet Sauvignon (\$35.00) ★★★

2015 Mandoon Estate Research Station Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (\$79.00) ★★★

2014 Ernest Hill C.E.O Cabernet Sauvignon (\$40.00) ★★★

2014 Credaro Family Estate 1000 Crowns Cabernet Sauvignon (\$85.00) ★★★

2013 Redman Cabernet Sauvignon (\$34.00) ★★★

2013 Peccavi Cabernet Sauvignon (\$68.00) ★★★

2013 Mandoon Estate Research Station Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (\$79.00) ★★★

2015 Harcourt Valley Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25.00) ★★★

2014 Brangayne of Orange Cabernet Sauvignon (\$32.00) ★★★

- 2014 Windance Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$32.00) ★★★
- 2014 Vintners Ridge Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$28.00) ★★★
- 2014 Kies Family Wines Chaff Mill Cabernet Sauvignon (\$30.00) ★★★
- 2014 Stevens Fleurieu Cabernet Sauvignon ★★★
- 2014 After Hours Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25.00) ★★★
- 2014 Ross Hill Tom and Harry Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25.00) ★★★
- 2013 St Aidan Cabernet Sauvignon (\$28.00) ★★★
- 2013 Yarrh Cabernet Sauvignon (\$28.00) ★★★
- 2013 Mt Jagged Knobby Club Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25.00) ★★★
- 2014 Hutton Triptych Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon (\$50.00) ★★
- 2013 Kies Family Wines The Suit Cabernet Sauvignon (\$75.00) ★★
- 2013 Hutton Triptych Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon (\$50.00) ★★
- 2013 Flint's of Coonawarra Gammon's Crossing Cabernet Sauvignon (\$22.00) ★★
- 2013 Land of Vines Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25.00) ★★
- 2012 Ulupna Cabernet Sauvignon Limited Edition (\$32.00) ★★
- 2014 Five Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon ★☆
- 2014 Banks Thargo Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25.00) ★☆
- 2013 Five Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon ★☆
- 2012 Idavue Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$30.00) ★☆
- 2014 Bowen Estate Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon (\$34.00) ★
- 2014 Mt Jagged Knobby Club Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25.00) ★
- 2014 Ulupna Cabernet Sauvignon (\$27.00) ★

We found the best wines to be strongly varietal, vibrant, not over-oaked and reflective of ripe fruit. We do not agree with some judges who award very herbal wines with green tannins.



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