

Championship Cabernet Sauvignon

We recall a young visiting judge at a Small Vigneron Awards telling all within earshot “ Cabernet – that’s an old man’s wine. ” I think he gathered from the silence what some of us thought about that. Cabernet sauvignon is one of the truly great red grape varieties, and the best Australian examples stand proudly with those from the rest of the world.



Medallion Winner 2016 Kimbolton The Rifleman

Langhorne Creek Cabernet Sauvignon A powerful, ripe, clearly varietal cabernet that is very strong on the classic blackcurrant characteristics. The palate is long, firm and beautifully balanced. Cellar for a decade at least. (No longer available) ★★★★★



Medallion Winner 2017 Xanadu Reserve Margaret River

Cabernet Sauvignon A powerful, fresh, cassis-scented wine that is quite fragrant. There’s plenty of varietal flavour with a structure to match. It definitely needs time to show its best. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2017 Yalumba The Menzies Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Here we have a classic Coonawarra cabernet. It ticks all the boxes – blackcurrant, leaf, fine tannins and beautifully integrated oak.. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2018 Ringbolt Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon The nose offers powerful blackcurrant/leaf aromas that are strongly varietal. This is a pure, intense cabernet of considerable finesse. Tremendous value for money. (\$22.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.winestar.com.au/ringbolt-cabernet-sauvignon-2018>

2017 Xanadu DJL Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon A rich, ripe dark fruits style showing varietal blackcurrant aromas. It’s voluptuous and fresh. Great drinking for the price. (\$20.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.winestar.com.au/xanadu-djl-cabernet-sauvignon-2017>

2016 Kimbolton Langhorne Creek Cabernet Sauvignon There’s plenty of varietal blackcurrant/leaf aroma, and the palate is long, firm and fine, typical of high quality cabernet sauvignon. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.kimboltonwines.com.au/product/2016-Kimbolton-Cabernet-Sauvignon>

2017 Majella Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon The rich cassis nose shows a touch of leaf and a definite whiff of well seasoned oak. The long, fine palate is nicely balanced and expresses the variety beautifully. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

https://www.majellawines.com.au/product/view_byname/7_cabernet_sauvignon

2016 Brand & Sons Icon Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon The nose shows rich cassis together with a touch of mint. The palate is packed with ripe varietal flavour supported by firm tannins. Cellar. (\$125.00) ★★★★★

2017 Tamburlaine Orange Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Although there's good weight of varietal fruit, the tannins are quite firm. It needs time to soften. (No longer available) ★★★★★

2015 Xanadu Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon Has varietal character but is just a little light on the nose which shows some herbal notes. The palate is long and fine. (\$41.00) ★★★★★

2018 Fuddling Cup Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon The intense perfumed cassis nose is attractive, as is the palate which is balanced by fine persistent tannins. Oak comes through on the finish. ★★★★★

2017 Peter Lehmann Mentor Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon A massive cabernet that's quite oaky at this early stage. It will soften in time, but will remain a muscular style. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2017 Xanadu Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon Shows clear-cut blackcurrant varietal character, but needs to fill out on the mid-palate. (\$40.00) ★★★★★

2017 Ross Hill Tom & Harry Orange Region Cabernet Sauvignon Red berry and blackcurrant aromas merge with a touch of green leaf. The palate offers decent fruit weight and fine tannins backed up by obvious acidity. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2017 Shingleback D Block McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon This red is packed with dark fruits flavour, supported by fairly firm tannins and a dash of oak. ★★★★★

2013 Blue Pyrenees Richardson Cabernet Sauvignon A very ripe, sturdy style with hints of bay leaf. It will improve with cellaring. ★★★★★

2018 Xanadu Margaret River Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon It's rich, ripe, varietal and firm, but doesn't have quite the vibrancy of aroma of the other 2018s. ★★★★★

2017 Brash Vineyard Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon The fragrant blackcurrant/leaf nose carries a hint of mintiness. The palate is slightly hollow. ★★★★★

2017 Glenlofty Pyrenees Cabernet Sauvignon A big, ripe, varietal red of considerable substance and firmness. ★★★★★

2017 Moppity Vineyards Reserve Hilltops Cabernet Sauvignon Fairly forward and minty. A little short and acidic on the finish. ★★★★★

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