

## Cabernet Blends

**T**hese blends cover a lot of territory and embrace a wide range of styles, but every one of them offers drinking pleasure, and a couple are on sale at remarkably low prices. One thing is certain. The cabernet blend is far from dead.



**2021 Majella The Musician Coonawarra** The fresh plum, dark berry and blackcurrant aromas are captivating, and carry a mere suggestion of oak comfortably. Palate-wise this wine is beautifully balanced, the fine, soft tannins merging perfectly with the opulent fruit. Remarkable value. (\$19.00)

★★★★★

<https://www.majellawines.com.au/collection/wines>

**2022 Yarra Yering Dry Red Wine No. 1** This is a truly captivating wine that is bright and Médoc-like. Red fruits, cedar and tobacco leaf show out on both the nose and the long, supremely fine palate. Worth cellaring for a decade or two. (\$150.00) ★★★★★

<https://shop.yarrayering.com/2022-dry-red-wine-no-1/>

## RATING SCALE

★★★★★	Outstanding	97-100 pts	Gold medal
★★★★☆	Highly Recommended	95-96	Gold
★★★★	Recommended	92-95	Silver
★★★☆☆	Recommended	87-91	Bronze
★★★	Agreeable	85-87	Bronze
★★★☆☆	Agreeable	82-84	
★★★	Acceptable	80-82	
★★☆☆	Acceptable	77-79	
★★	Barely Acceptable	74-76	
★☆☆	Unacceptable	71-73	
No stars	Undrinkable	<71	

**2022 Wolf Blass Aldi Shiraz Cabernet** The delightful red fruits and cassis characteristics are backed by well handled oak. It's a rich, brooding, satisfying blend that needs time. Is there a better \$15.00 red available in Australia? (\$15.00) ★★★★★☆

<https://www.aldi.com.au/groceries/liquor/wine/wine-detail/ps/p/wolf-blass-shiraz-cabernet-sauvignon-750ml-2/>

**2021 Bleasdale Inveniam Viam Langhorne Creek Cabernet Malbec** The scents of dark berries and blackcurrants are very appealing. Although the palate is fairly firm, it has excellent length. One to cellar. (Not yet released) ★★★★★☆

**2021 Kaesler WOMS Barossa Shiraz Cabernet** (63.0% shiraz, 37.0% cabernet sauvignon) The vibrant dark berry aroma and flavour is very attractive, and the palate is powerful, firm and balanced, with lingering tannins. (\$90.00) ★★★★★☆

<https://kaesler.com.au/product/2021-kaesler-woms-shiraz-cabernet/>

**2022 Majella Coonawarra The Musician** Good red berry fruit plus a whiff of oak. Fine tannins frame a long palate offering some cassis flavour and supporting oak. (Not yet available) ★★★★★☆

**2022 Windance Estate Margaret River Cabernet Merlot** This Windance blend is always at the forefront of our tastings. Vintage 2022 shows fresh blackcurrant with background cedar. It's firm, balanced, fresh and intense.

(\$30.00) ★★★★★☆

<https://www.windance.com.au/products/cabernet-merlot?variant=10887733057>

**2021 Yalumba The Signature Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon &**

**Shiraz** Richly flavoured, offering red fruits, cassis and well handled oak.

Needs plenty of time. (\$60.00) ★★★★★☆

<https://www.nicks.com.au/products/2021-yalumba-the-signature-cabernet-sauvignon-shiraz>



2021 Bleasdale Frank Potts ★★★★★

2022 Hamelin Bay Cabernet Malbec ★★★★★

2021 Smith & Hooper Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot ★★★★★☆

2022 Naked Run Hill 5 Shiraz Cabernet ★★★★★☆

2022 Bleasdale Frank Potts ★★★

2021 Pikes Homage Cabernet Sauvignon Malbec ★★★

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