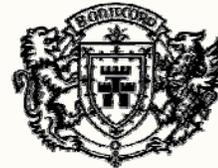




## 2008 BALGOWNIE ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Review Summary



**92+ pts** “Deep garnet colored, the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon gives pronounced aromas of freshly crushed cassis and blackberries, pencil lead, cloves and cigar boxes plus a whiff of menthol. The full bodied palate demonstrated commendable structure with a high level of acid and firm, ripe, fine-grained tannins. There are plenty of classic, ripe Cabernet flavors in the mouth and throughout the long finish. Delicious now, it should continue to cellar and evolve gracefully through 2020+. Founded as a boutique winery in 1969 by Stuart Anderson, after a series of various owners Balgownie was purchased by the Forrester brothers who have invested a lot of money to get the now 40 year old vineyards back into shape. The current winemaker is Mark Lane who spent many years in Margaret River. The pay-off of recent changes is clearly showing in the wines and at \$25 a bottle, both the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz are bargains in my book!”

Lisa Perotti-Brown, [erobertparker.com](http://erobertparker.com)  
June 2011

### **91 pts/Editors' Choice/#28: Top 100 New Zealand/Australian Wines**

**2011** “The Bendigo region of Victoria isn’t very well known, but Balgownie does good work there with Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2008 displays aromas of mint, cassis and smoke alongside fully ripe flavors of cassis and chocolate. The tannins are firm and a bit drying on the finish, but the chocolaty richness of the fruit shows through. Drink 2013–2020.”

Joe Czerwinski, *Wine Enthusiast*  
July 2011

**90 pts** “Bright ruby. Pungent aromas of redcurrant, cherry, cocoa powder, clove and tobacco. Silky on entry, then vibrant and focused in the middle, with strong, almost lively acidity energizing the red berry flavors, and suave florality providing lift. A juicy and penetrating style, with very good finishing clarity and length.”

Josh Reynolds, *Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar*  
July/August 2011

**89 pts** “Relatively light color; blackcurrant fruit with some Central Victoria mint on the bouquet, then a savory palate with dry tannins. Reflects the long drought.”

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion*  
2012



“From Balgownie’s original vineyard (planted in 1969), this savory, mint-edged Cabernet channels Bordeaux.”

**Food & Wine Wine Guide  
2013**

