

2006 KILIKANOON BLOCKS ROAD CABERNET

Review Summary



92 pts “This is a terrific Cabernet—provided that you give it a bit of time and plenty of air. It is very intense and rather lacking in subtlety when first opened at this point, but rounds out beautifully over the course of a couple of hours to reveal layers of concentrated fruit that is balanced in tannic structure and oaking. Accent notes of cocoa powder and espresso beans also emerge with time, ultimately making this as interesting as it is impressive. Hold this for a few more years if you can, or decant it for current enjoyment with robust meat dishes or aged cheeses.”

Michael Franz, Wine Review Online
May 4, 2010

91 pts – Cellar Selection “A full-bodied Cab, with bold cassis flavors tinged with vanilla. There’s no hint of green in this ripe, rich wine and no hard edges, either. Long on the finish—a top Cab for a reasonable price.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast’s WineMag.com
August 1, 2010

90 pts “Firm and chewy, with ripe currant and blackberry flavors bursting through, shaded with hints of cedar and sage as the finish lingers.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
September 30, 2009

90 pts “It delivers an alluring perfume of pain grille, pencil lead, spice box, black currant, and blackberry leading to an elegantly styled wine with a smooth texture, spicy, savory black fruit, ripe tannin and a long, pure finish.”

Robert Parker, eRobertParker.com
February 2009

90 pts “Bright ruby. Sexy, liqueur-like aromas of blueberry, cassis, candied flowers, mocha and tobacco. Quite primary on the palate, with crushed dark berry and mineral flavors framed by gently chewy, sweet tannins.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2009



90 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “Pure cassis and cedar bouquet; clean, fresh, vibrant and varietal, with a soft and gentle finish that disguises the underlying power well.”

**James Halliday’s Australian Wine Companion
2010**

89 pts “I’m regularly a fan of Clare Valley cabernet and this release from Kilikanoon had me reaching for a second glass. The flavors are lovely. And cuddly, too. Earth, leather, blackcurrant and mulberry, with barely any oak influence to speak of. Its tannins are fine and soft - indeed, the wine overall comes across as soft and highly slurpable. It gets a touch sweet and raisiny through the finish and there it perhaps loses a bit of its polish - but only if you’re looking very closely.”

**Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front
October 9, 2009**

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“A delectable Cabernet, with firm but not astringent tannins, this wine seemed a bit reserved when tried on its own before the tasting. The burgers (and the aioli) seemed to bring out its more vivacious side.”

**Paul Lukacs and Marguerite Thomas, Wine Review Online
July 7, 2009**