



## 2014 CLOS DU VAL HIRONDELLE ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Review Summary



**94 pts** “Here is a future cellar treasure that will reward the patient among us. There’s some nice oak application here that will take some time to fully integrate, and when it does you’ll have a stunning mix of perfectly extracted black and blue fruit, menthol and spice that will seduce and delight.”

**Rich Cook**  
Wine Review Online  
August 8, 2017

**94 pts** “Deep, inky and enveloping, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Hironnelle Estate Vineyard captures all the elements that make Stags Leaps Cabernets so compelling. A host of lavender, mint, sage, graphite and crème de cassis notes flesh out in an effortless, noble Cabernet Sauvignon endowed with notable depth and intensity.”

**Antonio Galloni**  
Vinous  
December 2016

**93 pts** “A Stags Leap classic with deep ruby color; smooth, dense and ripe with racy and juicy fruit; nicely structured with edgy flavors.”

**Anthony Dias Blue**  
The Tasting Panel Magazine  
July 2017

**93 pts** “Sourced from the Hironnelle Estate, this wine was aged in 60% new French oak prior to bottling in July 2016. This impressive bottling opens with aromatics of violets, crème de cassis, pine needles and crushed mint. There is wonderful weight and poise on the mid-palate, currently displaying rich flavors of blackberry pie, sagebrush, mocha, blueberry compote and eucalyptus.”

**Owen Bargreen**  
InternationalWineReport.com  
May 2017



**92 pts** “The 150-acre Hironnelle, the brightest star in Clos du Val’s firmament of vineyards, has yielded Cabernet grapes that contribute complex fruit flavors to the wine, while the barrels in which the wine was aged add some toasty oak elements. A light suggestion of baking spices also shows up in the aromas. This isn’t a massive, densely flavored Cabernet, but it is still very young. If you aren’t planning to cellar it I strongly recommend decanting before serving. Served recently with a beautiful rib steak, it was fascinating to see how the wine opened and evolved during the course of the meal.”

**Marguerite Thomas**  
**Wine Review Online**  
**May 15, 2018**

**91 pts – Very Good+** “This opaque and pitch black colored Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a mild black raspberry and plum bouquet. On the palate, this wine is full bodied, balanced and smooth. The flavor profile is a juicy plum and black raspberry blend with notes of nicely integrated cedar. I also detected hints of black cherry, black currant and a touch of mint green tea at the very end. The finish is dry and its fine tannins and flavors drift away. While this Cab is not the most complex offering, it is tasty and would pair very nicely with a filet mignon.”

**Ken Hoggins**  
**KensWineGuide.com**  
**March 8, 2018**

**91 pts** “Beguiling blackberry aromas with a wet fur and polished oak note. Plenty of brightness on the palate; a well-crafted and balanced Cabernet.”

**Decanter**  
**April 2018**

**91 pts** “Aromas of blackcurrants and hints of dried flowers follow through to a medium body, firm and lightly chewy tannins and a medium finish.”

**James Suckling**  
**JamesSuckling.com**  
**May 5, 2017**

**90 pts** “Rounded and approachable, this estate-driven wine is 100% varietal and dusty on the palate in tight-grained oak and tannin. The flavors are richly rewarding, etched in chocolate-covered raspberry, clove and an herbal undercurrent that’s hard to pin down.”

**Virginie Boone**  
**Wine Enthusiast**  
**September 2017**

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**Recommended** “Deep fruit and moderate tannin come together in a seamless whole.”

**Rich Mauro**  
**The Colorado Springs Gazette**  
**June 28, 2017**

“This solid and unblended cabernet from the Stag’s Leap District is the proverbial iron fist in a velvet glove. Blueberry aromas, strawberry and cherry flavors with a hint of mint and toasted oak.”

**Tom Marquardt and Patrick Darr**  
**Capital Gazette**  
**September 27, 2017**

