

2018 CULLEN CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT

Review Summary



95 pts “62% cabernet sauvignon, 37% merlot, 1% cabernet franc. Matured in French oak (25% new) for an average of 6 months. A lifted, quite fragrant bouquet, with aromas of bay leaf, fresh green herbs, red berry fruits and cedar. A finely balanced medium-bodied palate, silky and supple with ripe but restrained flavours interwoven with very fine tannin. Poised and precise.”

Steven Creber
Halliday Wine Companion
June 1, 2020

93 pts “Deep violet. Cherry pit, blackberry, woodsmoke, succulent herbs, pipe tobacco and a sexy vanilla nuance on the nose. Chewy, palate-coating red and blue fruit flavors show a deft blend of power and energy. An exotic floral pastille flourish develops with air and carries through the impressively long, youthfully tannic finish, which features hints of sweet dark berries, mocha and baking spices.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
July 15, 2021

93 pts “This Cab-dominant blend, from one of Margaret River’s founding wineries, encompasses the essence of the region. Brambly fruit mingles with notes of tomato stem, tobacco leaf, black olive and menthol, supported by polished, cherry cola-like oak. The palate is medium bodied, while the crunchy, vibrant fruit is tempered by taut, sappy, textural tannins.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
October 19, 2020

93 pts “A convincing rendering of this very drinkable, concentrated and vibrant red blend. Aromas of dark cherries, blueberries and plums, as well as licorice, leaves, roasting herbs, cedar and subtle spices. The palate is fresh with red-berry, cherry and blue-fruit flavors and is crisply defined by long, vibrant tannins.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
September 28, 2020



91 pts “The earthy, herbal notes of this red are intense, creating a dark bass note to complement the concentrated currant, spiced plum and blackberry flavors. Black tea, eucalyptus and clary sage notes linger. The focus, tightness and complexity suggest a good candidate for cellaring. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator Online
October 15, 2020

89 pts “Described by Vanya Cullen as a “sort of junior Diana Madeline,” the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot is a blend of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon (Cullen Vineyard), 37% Merlot (Mangan Vineyard) and 1% Cabernet Franc (Cullen Vineyard). Boasting herb-laced, cassis aromas, it’s medium to full-bodied, silky and elegant but slightly lacking concentration and length.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
January 9, 2020