



MERLOT CABERNET 2013

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Nick Stock, November 2017

91 Points

An impressive wine for the ball of succulent ripe plum-flavored fruit it dishes up amid succulently ripe tannins and fresh, earthy, background complexity. This has all-round appeal, casual or formal!

OTAGO DAILY TIMES

Mark Henderson, September 2016

Excellent

A cooler feel here, perfumed with red fruits, tangy berry and chocolate. Supple palate with milk chocolate: the fruit moving to red fruits, raspberry and blueberry over time with a backdrop of spice and dried herb. Subtle at first but grows in weight and structure with a leafy freshness on the close. Deceptively powerful; appealing now but with potential.

MICHAEL COOPER'S NZ WINE BUYER'S GUIDE 2017

Michael Cooper, November 2016

4.5 Stars

The 2013 vintage is the best since 2010. Blended principally from Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, with a splash of Malbec, it was matured for two years in French oak barriques. Deeply coloured, it is still youthful, with strong, vibrant blackcurrant, plum and spice flavours, finely integrated oak, ripe, supple tannins, and excellent depth, complexity and harmony. Best drinking 2018+.

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Bob Campbell MW, June 2016

91 Points

A blend of merlot, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and malbec. A core of sweet fruit and alcohol offers appeal and accessibility to this multi-layered wine. Cherry, berry, fresh herbs and spicy oak. Drink from 2016.

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Cameron Douglas MS, July 2016

90 Points

Toasty oak bouquet and packed with dark berry and plum aromas, some black cherry and sweet tobacco leaf; violets, earth, sweet oak and slightly nutty. On the palate - dry, firm, focused flavours of blackberry and roasted vanilla, toasty oak and brown spices; medium+ tannins and acidity, already balanced but with plenty of youthful energy; violets a strong feature and even a hint of five spice. A lovely wine.