

Cape Mentelle Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

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The West Australian
wine
GUIDE 2016

The West Australian Wine Guide 2016,
Ray Jordan
97 points

“The cabernets from Cape Mentelle in recent years have reached a new plane of excellent. This is yet another that confirms the place of this producer among the greatest of the region. Leafy tobacco-like notes with such attractive perfumed fruits on the nose. The palate is so refined and elegant yet with deep concentrated intensity of fruit supported by chalky tannins and fine grained oak.”

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Hulon Hooke

Gold Ribbon with 96 points

#1 of 38 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon from Margaret River

“The colour is medium red with both brick-red and purple tints, tints, and shows a little forward-development. The bouquet has sandalwood and coconut, briar, mint and leaf notes. The The palate is elegantly weighted and sinewy, with a touch of leanness. The tannins are domineering and the finish is chewy chewy and grippy. This needs more time, but doesn't seem like a like a top-line Mentelle cabernet. Two days later, the wine is transformed. The bouquet is very detailed and subtly complex, complex, not super-ripe but fragrant and lovely, with hints of cedar, violets and dried flowers. The palate is deliciously drinkable, elegant and nuanced, soft and finely-textured. Great Great line and length, but not big or imposing. A really tasty tasty cabernet, which is not typical of the region or maker.”

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96 points

“A bold and meaty wine that has a very fresh, fragrant and lively style that makes for exciting tasting. Some very smooth, mellow and nicely ripe rich fruits on offer, custard spices and mocha oak, dark chocolate too; very complex and alluring. The palate has supple, soft and ripe mulberry, cherry and plum fruit flavors, blueberry pie, some pastry-like moments and a fluffy, approachable tannin texture. Drinking well now, has a long window of enjoyment ahead, up to two decades. Brilliant!”

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JAMES
HALLIDAY
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James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 95 points

“A seamless parade of varietal and regional flavour. Gone is the brawn of yesteryear; this holds finesse and length closest to its chest. Blackcurrant, cedar wood, dust, undergrowth and gravel/eucalypt characters build a wealth of succulent momentum before lingering on through the finish. Integration of tannin the final quality flourish.”

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Wine Front, Campbell Mattinson 94 points

“The mighty Cape Mentelle Cabernet Sauvignon is a more elegant creature nowadays. Less suited to the “offline”; more suited to a luncheon.

This release won’t knock anyone between the eyes but it will seduce regardless. It prefers to do you slowly. It’s soft, medium-weight, seamless and curranty, with fresh herbs and mints lifting through tobacco/undergrowth/cedarwood. Tannin is a fine, integrated art. The finish is prolonged.”

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