

2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



The WA Wine Guide
Ray Jordan

97 points

I thought the 2010 was the best Vasse cabernet I had tasted. Hmm, this one gives it a real run for its money. Tasted well before release but already showing tremendous fruit concentration, albeit held in a tight oak and tannin grip. Structurally superb with tight, controlled lines through to a very long classically cabernet finish. Leafy black olive and light tobacco aromas with a seamless palate. Cracking good wine.

Wine Advocate, Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW
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90+ Points

Composed of 93.87% Cabernet Sauvignon with 5.18% Malbec and dashes each of Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc, the 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon was aged 16 months in French oak, 43% new. Deep garnet-purple colored, it offers a very good intensity of pencil lead, cloves and dried Mediterranean herbs notes over a core of cassis and wild blueberries. Medium-bodied, it has a solid backbone of medium to firm chewy tannins and crisp acid supporting the taut, muscular fruit and finishing long. Delicious now, it should cellar to 2018+.

The Wine Front
Campbell Mattinson

94 Points

Cabernet Sauvignon from the heart of Margaret River. These days it's one of those wines that doesn't try too hard to impress; it just is. There's an effortlessness to this release. It's well-structured and balanced and it doesn't lack complexity or length, but taking a mouthful of it is like pushing someone from the top arc of a swing - the flavours fly along and keep on going, seemingly without much effort. Blackcurrant, mulberry, olive and dry leaf matter/tobacco with subtle notes of eucalypt and creamy cedarwood. Pitch and roll. Tannin builds as it breathes. Medium-weight at its deepest point. Feels breezy for the most part but then sticks the finish beautifully.

NZ Herald - Yvonne Lorkin

5 Stars

"Chief winemaker Virginia Willcock has just been nominated as "Winemaker of the Year" in Wine Enthusiast magazine US' 2014 Wine Star Awards - one sip of this and you'll understand why. Scented with menthol, eucalypt, blackberry and spicy blackcurrant notes, in the mouth this cabernet has ripe, yet restrained dark fruit. It is seductively succulent and velvety presence and elegant bayleaf and pepper characters on the finish. It's attainable that will work the room to your advantage."

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