

# 2015 FILIUS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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WA Today - David Prestipino  
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**97 Points**

A recent blind tasting by four local wine experts pitted a selection of premium WA cabernets against the best from around Australia. Not surprisingly, the local Margaret River drops scored highest, beating their more expensive interstate rivals. The real shock came when the highest-pointed wine was revealed - the lowest-priced in the line-up, the 2014 Vasse Felix Filius. An unbelievable first vintage for this wine and no doubt the best-valued cabernet in Australia. Must-buy.

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The West Australian Wine Guide - Ray Jordan  
Ray Jordan

**94 points**

What a stunning cabernet for the price. This is now the third tier behind the Marg cabernet and the Heytesbury, but in some ways that does it a disservice because it is a good wine.

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Gourmet Traveller  
Max Allen

**Intense**

Filius is the "second label" for Vasse Felix, but there are plenty of winemakers who would be happy to have this as their "first" wine,

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Winsor's Choice Blog  
Winsor Dobbin

**Balance and Value**

The Vasse Felix cabernets are Australian classics, benchmark Margaret River wines at the very pinnacle of what Australia can do. Now the Vasse Felix Heytesbury and Vasse Felix Cabernet Sauvignon, current release 2013, have a baby brother in the 2014 Filius Cabernet Sauvignon. Designed as a more approachable, less-demanding sibling this offers immediate drinking pleasure at a very reasonable price. It still has the great fruit and savoury notes but without the structure that sometimes demands years in the cellar. I loved this wine, which also has a smidgen of malbec and petit verdot in the mix, for its fruit forwardness (nearly all the oak used is older barrels) inkiness, balance and value. Great work from winemaker Virginia Willcock.

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Halliday Wine Companion  
James Halliday

**91 points**

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The Wine Front

Gary Walsh

**92 points**

Entry level Cabernet from Vasse Felix. Dusty gum leaf and gravel perfume, baking spices, and a mix of red and black berries. Medium bodied, again firm and dusty, subdued yet flavoursome, excellent bone structure and a lovely mouth-perfume, and a clean long finish. Trim and fresh, and very pleasant to drink.

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**94 points**

Margaret River. Aged for 12 months in 13% new French oak. Blend of cabernet (87%) and malbec (13%). The dark malbec fruit embraces the classic structural elements of fine Margaret River cabernet to produce an earlier-drinking wine. The fruit, sourced from each of the Vasse Felix vineyards, is rich and dense and already packing a serious punch.

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**95 points**

Deep red/purple colour with a very attractive, clean and pure, fruit-driven aroma of cedar, tobacco, cassis and violets. It's medium to full-bodied and intense, with gentle tannins which are not too pervasive, and an overall impression of superb balance. The aftertaste is elegant and balanced and more-ish. A ripping cabernet.

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Wine of the Week

Toni Paterson MW

**93 points**

An eminently satisfying, engaging wine with great depth, fruit purity and fragrance. Dark cherry flavours plus a hint of tamarillo. There is an endearing coolness to the wine, coupled with restrained power. Beautifully fine tannins. Fabulous value.

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The West Australian Wine Guide 2018

Ray Jordan

**93 points**

Such an elegant and stylish cabernet that captures the regional stamp of Margaret River. Blackcurrant and black olive tapenade on the nose. The palate has good oak integration and firm sinewy tannins. Controlled and integrated. It's a wine that clearly over-delivers at this price.

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