

REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

2018 Church Block

Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot

WIRRA WIRRA

GOLD MEDAL - 2020 China Wine & Spirits Awards

Australian Wine Review, Andrew Graham - SEP 2020

91 POINTS "Just like any of the recent vintages, this Wirra Wirra Church Block 2018 is a success. A reminder that affordable, widely available reds don't have to be soft, shallow and compromised.

A blend of 51% Cabernet, 38% Shiraz, 11% Merlot all from McLaren Vale. Chunky, ripe, flavour-packed and even quite cellarworthy. The dark fruit is more Cab than Shiraz, complete with a hint of mint, and then the grip of tannins. The finish is a bit workmanlike, but aren't we all rough around the edges? Importantly, this is a lot of wine for \$22."

Top 100 Reds, Ray Jordan - JUL 2020

94 POINTS "Excellent vintage in McLaren Vale has produced one of the best and most highly drinkable Church Blocks I have tasted. I mean, they are always drinkable and enjoyable as youngsters, yet this one has another factor at play, taking it up a notch. Soft supple and rich with ripe, juicy black fruits displaying energy throughout. Cracking good stuff."

Wine Companion Magazine, Campbell Mattinson - JUL 2020

BEST WINES UNDER \$30 "Some wines are ever-popular for a reason. This is the ultimate please-the-crowd wine. It tastes of ripe plum, vanilla-cream and chocolate, and it's boisterous with juicy flavour. One sip and you're on the way – you know you're onto a good one. Just enough weight, just enough texture, just enough of everything."

WBM, Tyson Stelzer - JUL 2020

92 POINTS "A mainstay of the glories of affordable Cabernet Shiraz since 1972, Church Block ranks very high on my list of wines I recommend to friends most often. The latest episode is as brilliantly crafted as ever with more varietal integrity, structure, persistence and endurance than you'd expect for this price. It will only get even better in the cellar too!"

The Real Review, Ralph Kyte-Powell - JUN 2020

90 POINTS "Rich, ripe and friendly, this is a no-nonsense youngster from McLaren Vale. Aromas of blackberries, subtle spice and a hint of chocolate-orange meet the nose. There's also an appealing regional earthiness. The palate has moderate intensity, smooth mouthfeel and a ripe grip of tannin, with an attractive vanillin note on the aftertaste. Easy drinking at a good price."

JamesSuckling.com, Nick Stock - MAY 2020

92 POINTS "A very composed, complete wine in all respects with a wealth of blue and red-berry aromas, lightly spicy notes and some cedary oak. The palate is nicely balanced and has attractive, fine tannins, bathed in ripe blueberry, cassis and plum flavors. Drink now."

On The Road Again, Winsor Dobbin - MAY 2020

93 POINTS "The 2018 breakdown is 51% cabernet sauvignon, 38% shiraz and 11% merlot. - all from a very good vintage. This is a Bryan Brown wine: rambunctious but carelessly stylish. Plush, assertive and with quintessentially Australian ripe fruit, it is well worth 93/100 - a high mark for a sub \$25 wine."

