

REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

2021 Church Block

Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot



World's Best Sommeliers' Selection 2024 - FEB 2024

"The New World is brilliant at creating crowd pleasing wines such as this one from Australia. Exuberant red fruit, soft tannins and acidity which peeks through on the finish, with enough bitterness to provide an additional layer of complexity. Delicious with simply grilled meats or classic beef burger and fries."

Sélections Mondiales des Vins Competition - 2023

GOLD

100 Best Australian Wines 2023/24, Matthew Jukes - SEPT 2023

"Hello, old friend, or should that be, hello new vintage, because this 2021 has yet to be launched in the UK, and my Report launch on 26th September is likely to be its first outing. A perennial favourite, this 50% Cabernet, 41% Shiraz, and 9% Merlot blend appears to have become less crowd-pleasing and more introspective, and this can only be a positive move for this wine as it converts new and enthusiastic followers to the Church. Dry, active, classically shaped, Mediterranean-leaning, refined, and calm, this wine is sometimes discounted to £10, which makes it one of the most important, skilfully blended, heritage-soaked red wines on earth. I cannot wait to gauge peoples' reactions to this toned and revitalised red wine. I have a feeling that the most stuck-in-the-mud Europhiles might weaken when presented with 2021 Church Block!"

JamesSuckling.com, Ned Goodwin MW - MAY 2023

90 POINTS

"A canny blend of 50% cabernet sauvignon, 41% shiraz and 9% merlot. Stellar value and the sum is far greater than its parts. Cabernet blares its herbal, potpourri scents loud and clear, whilst shiraz imparts plumpness and merlot serves as the jam in the doughnut. Yet the tone is one of savoriness over sweet fruit; levity over boring power. The tannins are a little acerbic and the acidity is slightly shrill. But this is really picking fault from plenty of pleasure."

Wine Enthusiast - APR 2023

90 POINTS

"A bit reserved and sultry on the nose, the notably fresh and clean aromas have bass notes of black currant, mashed black cherry and licorice. There is also a strong evergreen note that hovers from start to finish. This is a dense, focused and velvety-textured wine. It has ample midpalate heft with good acidic refreshment that is well-integrated in the center-palate. The rambunctious spice notes reverberate through the solid fruit core and into the long finish."

Halliday Wine Companion, Ned Goodwin MW - FEB 2023

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The Vintage Journal, Andrew Caillard MW - JAN 2023

93 POINTS

“Deep crimson. Chinotto, cassis, dark plum aromas with Parma violet notes. Cassis/ blackcurrant, plum, hint peppercorn flavours with chalky/ grainy tannins. A modern, vibrant wine with some savoury notes.”

The Real Review, Huon Hooke - JAN 2023

93 POINTS - RANKED #3 OFF 33 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BLENDS FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA

“Deep red-purple colour; bright cassis/mulberry and blueberry aromas, fruit leading the charge. It’s full bodied and deeply flavoured, and the tannins while abundant are fleshy and supple, coating the mouth pleasantly with a sensation that gives a sense of gravitas way above its station. An excellent cabernet, and not for the first time, astonishing value for money.”

The Wine Front, Campbell Mattinson - DEC 2022

92 POINTS

“The quality of this wine is remarkably consistent and again here we’re in keen buying territory. Indeed if you’re looking for a good solid red, served straight down the line, then this 2021 Church Block is a no-brainer. Currants and leaves, choc and mint flavours are served in pure, clean, generous style. Balance is a feature. There’s a smidgen of creamy, cedar-like, resinous oak and it fits in well with the overall profile of the fruit. Lovely wine here, no problems, it’s Wirra Wirra in good form.”

