



MAESTRO Merlot Malbec

What the press say

2019

94/100 "An inviting nose of blackcurrants, ink, coffee bean, pine and fresh mint ... Black fruit laced with oak washes over the palate with pleasant spice and herbal complexity. **Lingers on the palate.**"
- James Suckling Wine Reviews, www.jamessuckling.com, USA

95/100 "The Maestro represents the best of the Pegasus Bay Bordeaux fruit. I was privileged to receive a pre-release sample and all I can suggest is that you get in the queue. There is a class about its swagger and I just want more ... **Dangerously smooth, its silky presence oozes the prestige of the label it represents** ... I found fascinating ... "
- Steve Leszczynski, Qwine, www.qwinereviews.com, AUS

★★★★★ "... it is a powerful, sturdy red ... **highly concentrated ... and a silky-smooth texture. Weighty, rich and rounded**"
- Michael Cooper, www.michaelcooper.co.nz, NZ

19+/20 "... This densely constructed red blend shows power, complexity and a mealy, long, savoury finish."
- Candice Chow, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ

★★★★★ "**Magnificently styled and seductive** ... it's gorgeously layered in the mouth displaying velvety texture backed by loads of silky tannins. **Plush and multi-layered with stunning complexity and length.**"
- Sam Kim, www.wineorbit.co.nz, NZ

2016

19/20 "Maestro is one of the top reds in this country ... It is a dense, dark, full-bodied red ... Impressive is an understatement"
- Joelle Thomson, Drinksbiz Magazine, NZ

★★★★★ "It's superbly fruited and **hugely appealing ... wonderfully concentrated and richly expressed ... delectably enticing** ..."
- Sam Kim, www.wineorbit.co.nz, NZ

19.5/20 "... This is a brilliant NZ South island Bordeaux blend with richness and concentration ... Only made in exceptional years"
- Candice Chow, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ

95/100 "... A delicious meaty wine with muscle, power, flavour and finish. Love it!"
- Cameron Douglas MS, camerondouglasms.com, NZ

★★★★★ "... One of the South Island's greatest 'Bordeaux-style' reds, it should flourish for a decade."
- Michael Cooper, www.michaelcooper.co.nz, NZ



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94/100 " ... **Super fine tannins** deliver a ball of spiced, dark-chocolate-coated black cherries and plum liqueur ..."
- Nick Stock, www.jamessuckling.com, USA

2015

93/100 " ... **Ripeness and concentration ... balance and loads of purity.** A pleasurable Bordeaux blend"
- Decanter Magazine

★★★★★ **19/20** "Full, very dark, deep ... the nose is bold and intensely concentrated ...
The wine carries to an elegant, sustained finish. This is a bold, fulsome, sweet succulent Merlot blend ..."
- Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ

★★★★★ "Densely fruited ... the flavours harnessed by a touch of silky tannin. **Long finish**"
- Winestate magazine, AUS

93/100 " ... a medium to full-bodied red, with mouthwatering fruit and **a long, dry, silky finish.**"
- Joe Czerwinski, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, US

94/100 "Dark red berry fruits with plums and blackberry, violets and brown spices **organic earthy quality, complex and engaging** ... tannins adding a lot of structure. **Lengthy finish and very youthful still**"
- Cameron Douglas MS, camerondouglasms.com, NZ

94/100 " ... Full bodied powerful style ... **Good stuff.**"
- Gary Walsh, The Winefront, AUS

93/100 This has an attractive melding of bright violet-like fragrance with rich, dark berry fruits. The merlot really has the upper hand: it's all regal tannins and pristine blueberry fruit flavours. **A superb mid-weight, flavorsome red.**
- Nick Stock, www.jamessuckling.com, USA

2009

93/100 Jasmine-tinged blackberry and blackcurrant fruit here, with hints of crème de cassis, purple flowers, clove, macerated plums, milk chocolate and gently spiced oak. **It smells delicious. Smooth and svelte on the palate with beautifully detailed fruit, spice and meaty, smoky nuances.**
- Nick Stock, www.jamessuckling.com, USA

95/100 **Attractive red wine with seductive sweet fruit and flavours** suggesting blackcurrant, coffee, chocolate and dried herbs. Rich, almost luscious wine with a long and gentle drying finish. This is the best vintage of this label I can recall tasting.
- Bob Campbell MW, Gourmet Traveller Wine, Australia

★★★★★ ... **arguably the best yet.** Deep and youthful in colour, it is rich and flowing, with concentrated, beautifully ripe blackcurrant, plum, spice and coffee flavours, complex and finely structured. Drink now and over the next decade.
- Michael Cooper, Buyers Guide 2012, NZ



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TOP TIP - This is always a blockbuster of a wine and this 2009 vintage is as good as any. It has a dark, dense nose of plums with chocolate notes whilst the palate is stacked full of sweet, ripe juicy fruit that is concentrated and powerful and counterbalance to the bold tannins.
- TizWine.com, NZ

2008

No wine produced in this vintage

2007

91/100 "Hearty, rich and warming red in a mellow and flavoursome style. Some ripe plum and berry flavours contrast with more savoury, toasty, spicy notes. **A distinctive and characterful wine.**"
- Bob Campbell MW, Gourmet Traveller Wine, Australia



"Drinking well now, this Waipara red is a blend of merlot (50%) and malbec (40%), with minor portions of cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc. Barrel-aged for two years, it is deeply coloured and fleshy, with generous, spicy, nutty flavours, **showing excellent complexity and richness.**"
- Michael Cooper, Winestate, Australia