

**2012
XANADU RESERVE
CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

REVIEWS



98 Points

James Halliday

James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2016

Includes 5% each of malbec and petit verdot; Destemmed and crushed, hand-plunged and pumpovers; extended post-fermentation maceration for 28 days, matured in French barriques (50% new) for 14 months before final barrel selection, then blended and matured for 2 months in used French oak. A very powerful exposition of cabernet with a cavalcade of flavours of cassis/blackcurrant, mulberry and even a hint of plum, all enhanced by quality oak and ripe tannins.

97 Points

Tyson Stelzer

Wine Business Monthly, May 2015

A benchmark for Xanadu and a worthy follow-on to the exceptional 2011. It's elegant and refined, yet possessing incredible fruit depth and relentless persistence, promising a very long future.

97 Points

Ray Jordan

Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2016

This powerhouse is largely cabernet sauvignon but there are smaller equal amounts of malbec and petit verdot, each playing a role in the final blend. One of the most robust cabernets yet from Xanadu, but at the same time it retains that supreme elegance and poise. The fruit is sourced from the north in Wilyabrup and shows such dense concentration. Chalky minerally tannins with plenty of supporting oak carry the palate through to a very long finish. Has many years ahead of it.

96 Points

Huon Hooke

Huon Hooke Website, May 2015

Deep red/purple colour; bright and youthful. Dusty young bouquet with subdued but slowly emerging blackberry and blackcurrant fruit. It's powerful and very strongly structured on palate; the fruit is classic dark berries and violets, backed by firm high-quality tannins. It all lingers with great persistence. It demands time and will richly repay cellaring. An outstanding cabernet.

96 Points

100 Top New releases

Gourmet Traveller, 2015

An outstanding cabernet with a deep bright red-purple colour and dusty blackcurrant and blackberry aromas. It's powerful and strongly structured, classic dark berries and violets are backed up by firm high quality tannins.

AWARDS

TROPHY Best Single Vineyard Estate Red Wine, Margaret River Wine Show 2014

GOLD Royal Sydney Wine Show 2015

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