



Reviews & Accolades

DEATH VALLEY MALBEC 2014

WINEORBIT.CO.NZ

Sam Kim, April 2017

5 Stars & 93 Points

Rich, ripe and dense, as it should be, this powerful expression displays dark fruit, game, pencil shaving, truffle and toasted nut characters on the nose, with a hint of earthy complexity, leading to an impressively weighted palate that is succulent and supple. The wine is intensely flavoured and velvety, and finishes superbly long and tasty. At its best: now to 2020.

MICHAEL COOPER'S NZ WINE BUYER'S GUIDE 2017

Michael Cooper, November 2016

5 Stars

The delicious 2014 vintage was estate-grown on Waiheke Island. It was almost entirely (95 per cent) matured for 22 months in French oak (15 per cent new); the rest was handled in seasoned American oak. Deeply coloured, it is fragrant and mouthfilling, with dense, ripe blackcurrant, plum and spice flavours, hints of coffee and liquorice, and a finely textured, smooth finish. A classy young red, it should be long-lived, but is already hard to resist.

BOBCAMPBELL.NZ

Bob Campbell MW, May 2017

4 Stars & 92 Points

An unusual and individual expression of malbec, with a soft and quite light texture showing appealing sweet fruit, chocolate, dark berry and some floral characters. The wine has power but delivers it with a light touch. An attractive wine that's accessible and very drinkable. Drink 2017 to 2022

RAYMONDCHANWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZ

Raymond Chan, April 2017

4 Stars & 18.0 / 20 Points

Dark, deep, near saturated black-red with youthful purple hues, a little lighter on the rim. The nose is full and evenly packed with aromas of ripe blackberry and boysenberry fruit, along with a soft and harmonious amalgam of earth, spices and cedar. Full-bodied, the palate has rich and sweetly ripe flavours of blackberries, boysenberries and plums, unfolding liquorice and spice notes. The fruit is vibrant and supported by grainy tannin structure and grip, with fresh, lacy acidity adding to the vitality. The mouthfeel is vigorous and robust with good energy and line carrying the wine to a full, solid and lingering finish of dark plums, liquorice and spices. This is a rich, robust and vigorous Malbec with ripe blackberry, boysenberry and plum flavours shoeing power and linearity. Match with barbecued and roasted red meat dishes over the next 6-8+ years. 100% Malbec from the 'Death Valley' vineyard fermented to 14.5% alc., the wine aged 11 months in seasoned French oak, then 5% given a further 2 months in new American oak.