



SAUVIGNON SEMILLON 2015

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September 2017

5 Stars

An absolute classic, none of our judges were surprised to see this wine appear in the top 10. Mat Donaldson and his winemaking team have really set the bar for this exotic and exciting style over the decades. Thirty-year-old vines produced a wine boasting creamy, peachy characters alongside fine acidity, elegance and length, . . . firm and classy example of a rare blend here in New Zealand. The oak component was beautifully handled and extended lees aging adds softness, complexity and length. Gorgeous stuff.

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Nick Stock, November 2017

93 Points

A very concentrated full-tilt take on the style. A wealth of ripe lemon, cool herbs and bright tropical fruit accents as well as papaya on the palate. Flesh and acidity are well matched.

CAMERONDOUGLASMS.CO.NZ

Cameron Douglas MS, August 2017

93 Points

A beguiling and seductive bouquet of peach and citrus with fresh and poached version, a waxy grapefruit layer and sweet hay Sauvignon Blanc layer; full, rich and inviting. On the palate – tense, crisp, dry and packed with flavour; lots of citrus peel and peach, spice and mineral tones, lively with plenty of acidity and creamy texture. A delicious wine well suited to food or on its own. Drink now and through 2023.

BOBCAMPBELL.NZ

Bob Campbell MW, May 2017

4 Stars & 92 Points

Quite an oaky wine with a strong oak influence on both the nose and palate. Richly textural white with the sort of weight and grip I expect from chardonnay. Quite a pleasing, complex wine with power and a lengthy finish. A distinctly unique wine with a character all of its own. Drink 2017 to 2021.

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Mark Henderson, June 2017

Very Good

Powerfully exuberant notes of burnt match and sweat that may challenge the uninitiated, with a citrus and herb backdrop. Citrus, lime oil, cut herb, greengage plum on a richly textural palate: time brings in smoke, citrus and bramble, before the long citrusy finish. Needed time to open up. Much debate centred on the intense nose.