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Bob Campbell MW, October 2016

5 Stars & 95 Points

A blend of 55% merlot, 35% syrah and cabernet sauvignon. A bright, high energy red, with concentration and a rich, mouth-filling texture. An aromatic wine with lifted, almost floral syrah contrasting nicely with the richer, berryish flavours of merlot and cabernet sauvignon. A classy red with its own very distinctive style. Ageing: now to 2024. Food: Southland lamb rump, truffle-glazed sweetbreads, pommes anna & broad beans.

GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE

2016

95 Points

Bright, aromatic blend of merlot, syrah, cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc. Lifted almost floral notes from syrah and cabernet franc, together with richer berry flavours from merlot and cabernet suggest a Right Bank Bordeaux style.

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Sam Kim, August 2016

93 Points

This gorgeous red is wonderfully composed and beautifully styled, displaying dark plum, spiced cherry, game and cedar characters with a subtle herbal infusion. The palate delivers succulent and rounded mouthfeel with excellent fruit weight, brilliantly structured by fine, delicately drying tannins. The wine is superbly balanced and harmonious, and offers fabulous drinking. A blend of merlot, syrah and cabernet sauvignon. At its best: 2017 to 2022.

RAYMONDCHANWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZ

Raymond Chan, October 2016

5 Stars & 18.5+ / 20 Points

Dark, deep ruby-red colour, a little lighter on the rim, youthful in appearance. The nose is full and firmly concentrated with near robust aromas of vibrantly ripe blackberry fruit along with black plum and blackcurrant notes, detailed by subtle nuances of dark herbs and earth, unveiling suggestions of spices and nutty oak. Medium to medium-full bodied, the palate has bright and plush fruit flavours of ripe black-berried fruits, black plums, Asian spices, with herb and currant notes, unfolding some black pepper and toasty oak. The fruit richness is supported by fine-grained tannin extraction structure with good, elegant grip, and enlivened by softly ripe acidity. The flavours are harmoniously melded and carry with energy to a softly full and long lingering finish of black fruits, pepper and cassis. This is a rich, plush black berry, black plum and curranty red blend with spice and oak detail on a finely structured palate with soft, ripe acidity. Match with lamb, beef, venison as slow-cooked game dishes over the next 6-8+ years. A blend of 55% Merlot, 35% Syrah, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc, from the 'Ata Rangi Home', 'Craighall', Di Mattina', 'Champ Ali', 'Boundary Road' and 'Kahu' sites, with uninoculated fermentations to 13.0% alc., the wine on skins 25 days and aged 17 months in 20% new French oak.

MICHAEL COOPER'S NZ WINE BUYERS GUIDE 2017

Michael Cooper, November 2016

4.5 Stars

Pronounced 'say-lebr', this is a blend of Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. It typically has impressive weight and depth of plummy, spicy flavours in a complex style that matures well. The impressive 2014 vintage is a blend of Merlot (55 per cent), Syrah (35 per cent) and Cabernet Sauvignon (10 per cent). An elegant, notably drinkable red, it is fragrant and full-coloured, with strong, fresh, well-ripened berry, plum and spice flavours, to which the Syrah makes a noticeable, but not pungent, contribution. A distinctive wine, complex and harmonious, it is already delicious, but should be at its best 2018+.