



MAESTRO MERLOT CABERNET MALBEC 2015

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Cameron Douglas MS, April 2018

95 Points

Complex bouquet of dark red fruits led by Doris plum, blackberry and dark spiced chocolate. Toasty wood spices of clove and baked vanilla, a steely haunt adds complexity and depth. Dry with a contrasting core of red berry fruits, chocolate and wood spice. Firm to fine tannins and warming alcohol. Medium+ acidity and dark fruited core. Coming into balance slowly. Lengthy fine finish. Drink from late 2019 and through 2029.

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Raymond Chan, February 2018

5 Stars & 19.0- / 20 Points

Full, very dark, deep, near impenetrable black-hued purple-red colour, youthful in appearance. The nose is bold and intensely concentrated with well-packed, bright and ripe fruit aromas of blackberries, boysenberries and plums. The fruit is vibrant and still quite primary in expression, unveiling subtle nuances of spice, dark herbs and cassis, with nutty oak. Medium-full bodied, the palate is up-front with rich and deeply penetrating flavours of ripe blackberries, blueberries, boysenberries and plums. The fruit is succulently sweet and opulent and is the feature on the palate, and is supported by fine, grainy tannin textures with balanced acidity. The wine carries to an elegant, sustained finish. This is a bold, fulsome, sweet and succulent Merlot blend with black berry and plum fruits and plenty of tannin structure. Match with roast lamb, beef and venison over the next 8-9+ years. A blend of 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet and 10% Malbec, from some of the oldest vines, over 3R y.o., ungrafted, fermented to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 2 years in 50% new French oak barriques.

THE REAL REVIEW

Bob Campbell MW, May 2018

4 Stars & 94 Points

Inky red with impressive concentration and good weight together with a seductively silken texture – a seductive combination. Christmas cake, dried fruit and spice flavours with chocolate/mocha, vanilla and new leather flavours. Ageing: now to 2023. Food: Warm lamb shoulder terrine with celeriac remoulade, caperberries & grilled sourdough.

WINESTATE MAGAZINE

March / April 2018

4.5 Stars

Densely fruited with lots of fresh blackcurrant, dark plum and a touch of fruitcake. There is plenty of fruit sweetness and a whoosh of warming alcohol to round out the palate. Lots of new oak but there is so much fruit intensity it is soaked up, the flavours harnessed by a touch of silky tannin.

THE SHOUT MAGAZINE

Cameron Douglas MS, November 2017

94 Points

Dark red berry fruits with plums and blackberry, violets and brown spices; obvious though not over done oak, an organic earthy quality, complex and engaging bouquet overall. On the palate – dry, firm, youthful and fruity with flavours of dark berries, plums and oak beginning to integrate; plenty of acidity and tannins adding a lot of structure. Lengthy finish and very youthful still.

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Nick Stock, November 2017

93 Points

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.