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Cabernet blends

A group which is dominated by cabernet merlot, and in turn by WA's Margaret River, with help from the Great Southern and (back east) the Yarra Valley, with the usual smattering of regional blends.

RATING	WINE	REGION
96	2002 Houghton Jack Mann	Great Southern
96	2004 Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet	Langhorne Creek
96	2004 Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Malbec	Langhorne Creek
96	2004 Serafino Sorrento Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc Merlot	McLaren Vale
96	2004 Yarra Yering Dry Red No. 1	Yarra Valley
95	2003 Henschke Lenswood Abbott's Prayer	Adelaide Hills
95	2004 Haan Wilhelmus	Barossa Valley
95	2005 Robertson of Clare MAX V	Clare Valley
95	2004 (Jamiesons Run) Mildara Cabernet Shiraz	Coonawarra
95	2003 Majella The Mallee	Coonawarra
95	2005 Penfolds Cellar Reserve Cabernet Shiraz	Coonawarra/ Barossa Valley
95	2004 Howard Park Cabernet Merlot	Great Southern
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95	2004 Stella Bella Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	Margaret River
95	2004 Vasse Felix Heytesbury	Margaret River
95	2004 Windance Cabernet Merlot	Margaret River
95	2005 Woodlands Margaret Reserve Cabernet Merlot	Margaret River
95	2003 McWilliam's 1877 Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz	Riverina
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95	2004 Mount Mary Quintet	Yarra Valley



MAX V 2005 Powerful and concentrated, but in the best way; blackcurrant leads the charge, quality oak also very much part of the equation; lingering tannins. Exceptionally complex oak treatment: one-third fermented in oak vats, two-thirds fermented in old Mintaro slate fermenters. Cabernet Sauvignon (66%)/Malbec/Merlot/Cabernet Franc/Petit Verdot. Cork. 14.5° alc. Rating 95 To 2020 \$75

Robertson of Clare Wines



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Winemaker Simon Gilbert, Leigh Eldredge **Est.** 2004 **Cases** 1800

This is the new venture of Simon Gilbert, established after he ceased to have an executive position with Simon Gilbert Wines in Mudgee. He has joined with Clare Valley vigneron Leigh Eldredge to produce limited quantities of Clare Valley wines. The first release, MAX V, was sourced from 3 growers in the Clare Valley, utilising the 5 grapes of Bordeaux: cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, merlot, malbec and petit verdot. The wine was made by conducting the entire primary fermentation and malolactic fermentation in French barrels from a range of forests and coopers at Sevenhill Cellars. Exports to the US.