

cabernet & blends \$60-\$70

11 TASTED
6 RECOMMENDED

"Excellent!" agreed the panel. Intense pure cassis fruit was perfectly matched with quality oak. Lots of winemaking skill here. "A couple of the older wines are looking a tad weary," thought one judge.



Majella The Malleea Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2004 ★★★★★
Smells like a cedar chest lifted by lovely perfumed nuances reminiscent of rose petals and violets. Such an elegant palate - clean and spicy with layers of ripe fruit, comely wood and fine tannins. \$66

Bird in Hand Nest Egg Adelaide Hills Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 ★★★★★1/2
Huge, minty lift to a prune/raisin nose. Big and chewy in the mouth, with loads of elegant stylish oak merging with the fruit and a warming alcoholic finish. Give it time. \$60 CD

Skillogalee Trevarrick Single Contour Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 ★★★★★1/2

A very tight, tannic wine. Toasty oak dominates the nose but there is a hint of lavender to lift it. Flavours of berries and plums abound, with threads of lovely spices running through. \$60



Houghton Gladstones Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2002 ★★★★★1/2
Complex earthy, leathery aromas with spicy nuances, all of which is echoed on the "rich, warm and cuddly palate", as one judge described it! Good tannic weight, tight finish and ready for drinking. \$60

Tahbilk Reserve Nagambie Lakes Cabernet Sauvignon 2002 ★★★★★1/2
Appealing older style - very claret-like. Lovely spicy sweet red fruits with subtle use of oak and a firm, tannic backbone. \$69.95

Vasse Felix Heytesbury Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 ★★★
Pure, sweet cassis fruit prettily framed by some excellent fragrant oak. A faultless wine - light and fresh. \$65

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"An outstanding class" was the unanimous conclusion. Pristine varietal fruit characters; great flavour concentration without being jammy. Well made.



Elderton Ashmead Single Vineyard Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 ★★★★★
Subtle aromas but with plenty of complexity; ripe red fruits and fragrant cigar box oak with a hint of violets. Great palate length and structure. Blackberry fruit flavours well supported by velvety tannins and very nice oak. \$85 CD



Robertson of Clare Max V Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Malbec Merlot Cabernet Franc Petit Verdot 2005 ★★★★★
"Real class," noted one judge. Great colour. Opulent jube black fruit meets chocolatey oak on the nose. Long and velvety in the mouth; brimming over with mouthfilling sweet fruit and toasty wood flavours. \$75

Penfolds Bin 707 Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 ★★★★★1/2
Another class act, according to the judges. Superb briary bush aromas with oak tending to dominate for now. Great palate, wood-dominated too, but has enough varietal fruit to push through in time. \$150



Howard Park Western Australia Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2003 ★★★★★
Chocolatey bouquet with earthy notes. Palate has developed cigar box oak and sweet, ripe red fruits nicely held together by a firm, tannic backbone. \$75

Jamieson's Run Rothwell Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2001 ★★★
Excellent meaty beef stock aromas and flavours. Great food wine. Decant and drink right now. \$80

Yalumba The Reserve Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2001 ★★★
Lots of aged complexity on nose. Palate shows firm tannins, attractive complexity and an alcoholic finish. \$99.95

star ratings ★★★★★

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