
"Keeper: Rating 94"

Mike Frost, Courier Mail, Brisbane, 31 March 2009

Katnook Estate 2004 Odyssey Cabernet Sauvignon This classic Coonawarra cab shows blackcurrant and cassis, fine oak and tannins. Try it with roast lamb or game or cellar for five years. Rating: 94. (Rating: 91-95: exceptional)

"Medoc like. Highly recommended."

Lester Jesberg, Winewise, April 2009

Attractively complex and Medoc - like, showing dusty, cedary, tobacco overtones which merge very well with the blackcurrant fruit. A dry, savoury cabernet that has plenty of varietal flavour. Highly recommended.

"One of the very best"

Kerry Skinner, Illawarra Mercury, 19th November 2008

South Australia's Coonawarra region has a reputation for producing exquisite cabernet and this limited release vintage is one of the very best. Meticulously made and matured in quality oak for three years, it oozes class with layers of plum and berry fruit, integrated spice, chocolate characters and fine, velvety tannins. Drink it with matu re cheddar cheese.

"Seductive now and lots of promise down the track."

Sarah Ahmed, The Wine Detective UK, July 2010

A very deep, inky core to this youthful looking flagship wine. It shows a ripe and generous nose and palate sweet with malty, tarry, toasty oak, complimented by an ample girth of plush cassis and plum with hints of spicy liquorice. A really long, fine plume of tannins to this one ♦ seductive now and lots of promise down the track. Excellent.

2003

"Classy Cabernet"

Kerry Skinner, Illawarra Mercury, 21/05/2008

Here's a classy cabernet from Coonawarra's "red centre" that's made to last. at least for another 20 years. Matured in oak for more than three years, it shows layer on layer of sweet berry and plum fruit, some spicy undertones and fine, silky tannins.

"Ohhh, yeahhhh...."

David Ellis, Weekly Wine Column, 17/03/2008

We've all some very special occasion lurking out there in the future, and if you've one in mind and are looking for a good, good drop of red, give some thought to Katnook Estate's just-released 2003 Odyssey Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon. Ok, its \$95 a bottle. But remember it's very special occasions we're talking about here. This is a remarkable wine from a vintage that gave below average yields, but fruit of exceptional quality: Senior Winemaker, Wayne Stehbens spun his usual Odyssey magic to come up with a drop that's rich and complex with ripe dark berry, dusty mulberry and spicy plum fruit flavours, coupled with subtle vanilla, mocha, and chocolate from long oak maturation. Add its lingering tannins and it's a great celebratory wine with red meats, game-bird dishes, or lamb shanks or simply with a block of high-cocoa chocolate before a winter's fire. And if you can resist the temptation to draw the cork now, a few more years in the cellar will make it all the better. Ohhh, yeahhhh....

"seams of complexity"

Gold Coast Bulletin, 12/03/2008

Colour: Dark plum reds with purple red tinges. Nose: A rich and complex expression of ripe fruit and oak. Palate: Seams of complexity are a feature. Rich fruit and cedar oak tones are smoothly combined in this generous and appealing palate structure.

"top echelon of world-class cabernets..."

Kerry Skinner, Illawarra Mercury, 27/02/2008

Quintessential Coonawarra and among the top echelon of world-class cabernets. Matured for more than three years in premium oak it's simply outstanding, complex and opulent, smooth and supple in the mouth with layer on layer of plum and black fruit, integrated chocolate and vanillan characters and fine, silky tannins. Drink it with aged cheese.

2002

"A five star rating"

John Fordham, The Sunday Telegraph, 26/11/2006

Arguably the best Odyssey to date, its rich concentrated flavours and elegant finish entitling it to a five star rating.

"An awesome wine"

Tony Harper, Brisbane News

It's an awesome wine- quite closed and insular. It shows a little more oak than its siblings, and far more power, sinew and concentration. It is exceptional...

"Iconic Coonawarra"

Kerry Skinner, Illawarra Mercury, 21/02/2007

An exquisite vintage to celebrate the 10th anniversary of this iconic Coonawarra red. Intense fruit notes, tobacco and vanillan oak characters flow on to the palate and layer-on-layer of black berries, plums and background chocolate flavours, integrated sweet oak and silky tannins. Drink it with kangaroo fillet.

"Ideal gift for a genuine aficionado..."

David Ellis, Your weekly wine column, 29/01/2007

The 2002 has a nose of sweet oak, ripe dark mulberry and spicy plum, with flavours of ripe fruit, sweet tobacco leaf, and hints of dark chocolate and mocha. Make it that ideal gift for a genuine aficionado and hope you'll score at least a glass on its own, or with a selection of tasty cheeses.

"Miraculous balance. 95 points"

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2008

Here the wine spends 38 months in oak, in the manner of the super-cuvees of Guigal; in the same way, it achieves miraculous balance, the fruit supple and sinuous; delicious blackcurrant flavours intermingle with cedar, mocha and cigar box; fine tannins to close. 95 points.

"Straight out of a hedonist's handbook..."

Campbell Mattinson, Winefront Monthly website, 22/05/2007

Thick, juicy, saturated wine, full of dark fruit flavour and dusty,

chalky, elongated tannins. Plush, chocolaty, rich and generous. Look hard and you see signs of dried herbs. But essentially this is a well structured, well oaked, dramatic wine of little complexity. It's straight out of the hedonist's handbook. Quite an amazing result from the ultra cool 2002 season. Drink: 2007-2015. 92 points.

"Top notch drop"

Winsor Dobbin, Sun Herald, 03/12/2006

Coonawarra produces outstanding cabernets and this is one of the best, with lashings of rich fruit and sweet oak tannins to ensure it will cellar for a decade.

2001

"5 stars"

Max Allen, Decanter, 07/02/2007

Elegant complex aromas, evolving gracefully. Classically structured palate. Impressive balance between fruit, tannins and acidity. Good future. Up to 5 years. 5 stars.

"5 stars. 96 points"

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2007

A very complex, round and mouthfilling wine; amazing combination of 38 months in predominantly few French and American oak and low alcohol; cedar, vanilla, mocha and earth, black fruits still there, likewise fine tannins.

"Beautifully balanced"

Winsor Dobbin, Golf Magazine

The 2001 vintage was a difficult one in Coonawarra but winemaker Wayne Stehbens still managed to come up trumps with Katnook Estate's flagship red, a regular trophy winner in recent years. There's a big, complex nose on this wine and plenty happening on the palate with rich, powerful and spicy fruit, oak in abundance and some fine, soft tannins. A beautifully balanced wine that will cellar for a decade or more.

"deep complex and long"

Decanter

Deceptive beetroot, fantastic. Deep complex and long. Opulent, structure. Top stuff. Juicy and balanced.

"let the wine talk for itself"

Maryann Egan, donna hay Magazine

This is the flagship wine of Katnook Estate and the depth and intensity of flavour doesn't let it down. The wine has rich finesse and undeniable cabernet sauvignon characters of leaf and blackcurrant. Keep for 10 years or serve with simple food such as rare roast beef and let the wine talk for itself.

1999

"hard to ignore"

Ralph Kyte- Powell, Uncorked, The Age, 20/01/2004

Katnook's Coonawarra flagship is always hard to ignore. The '99 is purplish and unevolved, smelling of lots of high-class, cedary, spicy oak, intense blackcurrant fruit and floral-herbaceous hints. In the mouth intense fruit and oak integrate with penetrating redcurrant and