



Katnook Estate

COONAWARRA

Merlot 2008

Awards

Silver medal 2011 International Wine & Spirits Competition (UK)

Reviews

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2012 (Australia)

92 points

Very developed colour; the wine is at the far extreme of the savoury/black olive/cedar spectrum, with fine but persistent tannins running through the length of the palate; for Bordeaux lovers. Rating 92. Cellar until 2014.

Mike Bennie, WBM National (Australia), 1 July 2012

The warm 2008 vintage lends some heft to this Merlot – yes the hallmarks of dark fruit and plush texture are retained but there's a sweeter breadth in the wine and a compelling intensity too. Brooding deep, it growls from the glass.

Nick Stock, The Age / SMH Good Wine Guide 2011 (Australia)

93 points

The latest edition of this Coonawarra merlot is a stunner, with plenty of cedary oak and classic stoic Katnook style: there's mulberry, plum and cassis fruit here. The palate's juicy and fleshy, underpinned with fine tannin structure. Balanced neatly through the finish. Late sweep of toasty oak. 93 points

Jeremy Oliver, The Australian Wine Annual 2011 (Australia)

Fragrant, floral aromas of dark cherries, plums, blackberries and fresh cedar/vanilla oak are delightfully perfumed. Long, smooth and juicy, its spotlessly fresh cherry/berry fruit knits tightly with lightly chocolatey oak and fine, silk tannins.

Ross Noble, The Courier (Australia), 10 August 2011

Brilliant colour, generous ripe fruit flavors and fine tannins. Maturation for 21 months before release provides a chocolatey oak nuance. Good drinking now, it will further develop with a few years in the cellar.

Matt Skinner, Australian Good Food (Australia), August 2011

My favourite Merlots include the much loved Katnook Estate Merlot 2008.

Andrew Caillard MW, Langton's website (Australia), August 2011

90 points

Medium deep colour. Fragrant plum/ redcurrant/ herb aromas with vanilla/ cedar oak notes. Well-concentrated buoyant wine with plum/ redcurrant/ herb flavours with touch of leafy/ sous bois notes, good mid-palate richness, and fine slinky tannins. Finishes long and sweet. Should build up more richness and complexity with age. 90 points. Cellar from now–2018.

