



Katnook Estate

COONAWARRA

Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

Awards

- Silver medal 2013 Decanter Asia Wine Awards (HK)
Silver medal 2013 International Wine & Spirits Competition (UK)
Silver medal 2013 International Wine Challenge (UK)
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Reviews

Mike Bennie, *Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine* (Australia), 1 July 2014

Bright berry fruits of blueberry, light mulberry and cassis combine with elegant floral and savour notes, hints of pepper and tomato leaf. The well-layered palate shows blackcurrant and plum and subtle oak maturation flavours of vanilla, nougat and spice.

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *eRobertParker.com* (USA), February 2014

91 points

Deep garnet-purple in colour and loaded with chocolate mint and cassis alongside nuances of violets and warm blackberries, the medium to full-bodied 2010 Katnook Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is rich and ripe with a vibrant backbone of acidity and medium-firm tannins. It finishes long. Drink it now to 2020+.

Winestate (Australia), 1 December 2013

Oak dominates the ripe blackberry fruit nose which is echoed on the well-structured palate. Great flavour length.

Kevin Ecock, *Free Running Wine Blog with Kevin Ecock* (Australia), 25 November 2013

Opens well, very 'obvious', light toffee in minted berries, very soft style on palate, immense but gentle structure, approachable throughout to a long finish.

Huon Hooke, *Sydney Morning Herald* (Australia), 15 October 2013

94 points

A top vintage for this wine, showing a bright, youthful red-purple hue and a fresh aroma of peppermint, star-anise and dark berries. It's elegantly weighted and the mint is refreshing. The tannins are firm and age worthy, the palate energetic and bright with masses of fruit. Best 2015 to 2040.

Gary Walsh, *Winefront* (Australia), 14 August 2013

90+ points

Nougat oak, blackberry, blackcurrant. Fleeshy, muscular tannin, plenty of oak and extract. Decent length. Needs quite some time.



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James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion (Australia), 26 July 2013

95 points

The freshness of the '10 vintage is easy to see within this wine with fresh blackcurrant and red fruit aromas, black olive and finely tuned oak handling; the palate is full-bodied, and whilst impressive in concentration, and revealing plenty of oak and tannin, there is a light touch and freshness that continues from start to finish without hesitation.

Sam Dowdy, Penola Pennant (Australia), 10 July 2013

Katnook Estate cabernet sauvignon declared top drinking wine from outstanding vintage. Katnook Estate's cabernet sauvignon 2010 was named best of the best in a publication by renowned Western Australian wine journalist, Ray Jordan. The Coonawarra Winery's cabernet sauvignon was one of 500 current-drinking red wines judged as part of this year's annual Great Red Tasting for The West Australia. Not only did the Coonawarra wine make the top 100 reds list, it ranked first ahead of Grant Burge Filsell old vine shiraz. Mr Jordan said the tasting provided compelling proof that vintage really does matter. "The reality is that the very wet, cool conditions resulted in wines that, in the main, lacked weight and fruit intensity", he said. "On the other hand, wines from the glorious 2010 vintage, especially in South Australia, were stunning." "Early indications are that the 2012 vintage may well be even better." Katnook Estate winemaker Wayne Stehbens said the 2010 Coonawarra vintage is highly regarded. "I think it's great that a Coonawarra cabernet has been recognised, it's pleasing it's ours, but I think it's a positive for the whole region," he said. "It's great to know that wines from our region are competitive with wines from Western Australia's Margaret River and other iconic Australian wine regions. "It's pleasing to know that even in a good vintage Australian-wide, like 2010 Coonawarra wines will stand up and compete with the best from a great vintage." Mr Stehbens said sales of the 2010 Katnook Estate cabernet sauvignon had increased since the article was published, particularly in Western Australia. "Consumers have been buying our wine based on that article, and if they like it they're likely to explore other Coonawarra wines" he said. "I think customers put more faith in the independent endorsement of products, like this article."

Ray Jordan, Ray Jordan's Top 100 Reds (Australia), 27 June 2013

96 points – Best Wine

The title of best wine of the tasting went to the fabulous Katnook Estate cabernet sauvignon 2010. When Coonawarra has a great year its cabernets are hard to beat and 2010 is recognised as one of the greatest vintages. The Katnook captures this admirably. Great year for cabernet and this is one of the finest examples. So immensely powerful yet with typical Coonawarra finesse and elegance. Deep and rich with lavish texture coming from the ripe fruit and use of predominantly French oak with a little dab of American. Ripe tannins and fine-grained oak feature prominently. There is some typical Coonawarra mint on the nose working with the red berry characters. Will handle extended cellaring.

John Fordham, Highlife Magazine (Australia), June 2013

It helps your chances of producing some cracking wines when your winemaker has been on the job since the very first vintage. That's the influence Wayne Stehbens has wielded at Coonawarra since 1979. Cabernet sauvignon is Coonawarra's prince of grapes and vintage 2010 was a triumphant success – factors that enabled Stehbens to craft an intensely-flavoured red with extraordinary length and finesse.

Tyson Stelzer, WBM (Australia), 1 June 2013

Goodness. Is this the most refined Katnook Cabernet yet? It's fragrant, refined, finely textured and eminently age-worthy. Has Wayne Stehbens found his feminine side, or has 2010 simply played into his hands? Either way, I adore it.



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John Lewis, Newcastle Herald (Australia), 20 April 2013

4.5 out of 5

Katnook has long been one of Coonawarra's premier cabernet sauvignon producers and that standing is reinforced in this 13.5 per cent alcohol, purple-tinted crimson charmer. It has scents of berry pastille and rose petals and brings intense mulberry flavour to the front of the palate. Maraschino cherry, coffee cream chocolate and anise fruit characters, meld with nutty oak on the middle palate and smooth earthy tannins and persistent berry fruit combine at the finish.

4.5 out of 5.

Rick Allen, Manly Daily (Australia), 12 April 2013

A good wine, this. It's from one of Coonawarra's leading producers and from what is regarded as a very strong vintage, so all the pointers are good. It has deep blackcurrant flavours that are enhanced by some plummy complexity. There's also some layered flavours that play a supporting role, the trademark Coonawarra mint, and some toasty characters from the oak. Its good drink, but if you're prepared to cellar, you'll be handsomely rewarded.

Andrew Graham, Oz Wine Review Website (Australia), 1 April 2013

Notably darkly coloured, this has a very sweet, oak-and-more-oak nose with a palate that too is oakalicious, warm hearted and luscious. Beyond the oak is rich dark chocolate edged fruit, even if that fruit is hidden at this stage. Tannins look softened and creamy too.

Ray Jordan, The Weekend West (Australia), 23 March 2013

96 points

One of the best names in Coonawarra cabernet and one of the finest examples of a great year for cabernet. Immensely powerful yet with typical Coonawarra finesse and elegance. Deep and rich, with lavish texture coming from the rip fruit and predominantly French oak with a little dab of American. Will handle extended cellaring.

Chris Channahon, Canberra Times (Australia), 13 March 2013

Katnook Estate, Coonawarra's second largest vineyard owner after Treasury Wine Estates, is part of Wingara Wine Group, owned by Spain's Freixinet. Despite changes of ownership, however, Wayne Stehbins remains winemaker after 30-odd years. In 2010 he made the best cabernet I've seen from the estate in several years. Its Coonawarra cabernet as it should be – fully ripe, with precise, black-olive varietal aromas and flavours and sufficient flesh on the mid-palate to carry the firm but fine tannins inherent to the variety. It should drink well over the next 10 years.

Lindsay Saunders, Tweed Sun (Australia), 28 February 2013

Hailing from SA's Coonawarra region, famous for its cab sauvs, and from a label that's never lets us down, we were eagerly anticipating this red. And we'd be telling porkies if we said that the fact this is from Katnook's upper echelons wasn't adding to that anticipation. Forty bucks for a bottle of plonk is an outlay few of us would do very often, sadly, so "is this worth the money?" has to be a prime question put to this red. The answer is yes. This is not a red to knock the top off, splash in a dirty glass and quaff with a pizza, oh no, no, no. At the risk of sounding like complete wine tossers, this is a red to savour, to linger over, to take to enjoy and to ponder. Yes, ponder. In fact, we found it impossible to do anything less with it. Deep red, almost purple-black in appearance with a spicy, dark berry nose, intense dark fruits on the palate and long, dry yet lively finish, it's cab sauv at its very best. It's a wine to give as a special gift (the good folk at Katnook say it'll be at its best in 2015) or to mark something important or, indeed, as a treat that'll be hard to beat for red drinkers. While we enjoyed this by itself (over several nights) this would work sensationally with a carefully roasted joint of lamb or beef with roasted veg.

Kerry Skinner, Illawarra Mercury (Australia), 23 February 2013



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The 2010 Coonawarra vintage was regarded as one of the best on record. The proof is in this sumptuous, sexy cabernet sauvignon. Stylish, yet robust, layers of black and plum fruit, minty characters, silky tannins, polished and poised after 22 months in mainly French oak.

David Ellis, Western Advocate (Australia), 23 February 2013

Katnook Estate's 2010 Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine that's richly reflective of the great 2010 vintage, one that's often described as being among the region's best-ever, with near ideal weather conditions that included below average rainfall and above average temperatures. The beautifully intense blackberry and mulberry aromas, generous pre-fruit flavours, finely grained tannins and underlying mocha notes make it a great buy at \$40 in fact; Langton's Wine Auction has described it as "an outstanding Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon with excellent fruit definition and tannin maturity. Enjoy it with slow-baked beef ribs accompanied by a pepper-corn or fresh mushroom sauce.

Jancis Robinson MW, www.jancisrobinson.com (UK), 22 February 2013

16+

Dark crimson. Light nose and nicely balanced, lightly minty. Cabernet fruit. All very restrained! Fine tannins lurk. Perhaps it just needs a little more time to unfurl and express itself.

Mike Frost, Courier Mail (Australia), 22 February 2013

94 points

From an excellent Coonawarra vintage, this red shows blackcurrant, mulberry and cassis characters, with some toasty oak and fine persistent tannins on the finish. You could try it now with roast leg of lamb, but it deserves at least another five years in the cellar and will probably be at its peak in about 10 years.

Winsor Dobbin, Sunday Examiner (Australia), 17 February 2013

A classic Coonawarra cabernet from a superb vintage from winemaker Wayne Stehbins, who has twice won the Jimmy Watson trophy. Expectations were high and met by this superb and relatively affordable wine that can confidently be cellared for decade or more. Intense, purse cleverly constructed, this has immediate appeal with its bright blackcurrant notes, but also the tannin structure, quality oak and length to go the long haul. Impressive.

Patrick Haddock, Wining Porn Blog, (Australia), 1 February 2013

92 points

Stellar conditions created excellent quality in 2010. Cassis and all spice cloaked in vanillin oak, hints of mulberry and briar and a touch of spearmint. Intense dark fruit palate, textured and concentrated with a spicy edge, cedary oak plays its part alongside slightly granular tannins and a long, lively finish. Nicely balanced wine and if you like Coonawarra Cabernet this is an excellent example.

Gary Walsh, The Winefront (Australia), 17 January 2013

90 points

Mixed berries, mint, nuts and coconut/ nougat/ coffee oak, and while apparently on 10 percent of it is new, it sits up quite prominently. Its medium bodies and fresh, with fine grained tannins and a pretty good finish. Drink 2014 – 2020

David Lawrason, National Post Website, 15 January 2013

The moderate climate of Coonawarra is the heartland of great Aussie cabernet, with Katnook Estate 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon being a fine example indeed – excellent structure for the money.

Nick's Wine Merchants Website (Australia), 15 January 2013



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An Outstanding Coonawarra Cabernet – Katnook Estate back to it's best. The 2010 Katnook was matured for 22 months in oak, barriques of which 40 percent were new and predominately French whilst the remaining 60 percent were second use being a combination of French and American barriques. Totally opaque black crimson colour with black crimson hue. Nosing offers up scents of blackcurrant, dark chocolate, vanillin cedar, a hint of mint and space showing very good intensity. Medium to full bodies and beautifully textured the palate delivers a gorgeous perfectly ripened fruit profile of blackcurrant, choc mint, cedar and spice. Velvet smooth tannins with long blackcurrant, dark chocolate and spicy cedar aftertaste.

Decanter Asia Wine Awards (Hong Kong), 2013

Big minty, herbal fruits a little eucalyptus. Cassis, spice aromas, uplifted by a leafy, earthy background.