



Katnook Estate

COONAWARRA

The Caledonian Cabernet Shiraz 2016

CELLAR DOOR EXCLUSIVE

REVIEWS

James Suckling, JameSuckling.com, 4th June 2019

92 points

This blend works well and is tightly knit with plenty of cedary oak that has integrated nicely. Redcurrants, blueberries and red plums abound. Medium body and nice detail, too. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

James Halliday, [Halliday Wine Companion](#) 2019, August 2018

94 points

Clever winemaking. The influence of the American oak was absorbed into the synergy already created by the two varieties, their flavours, and the tannins. A full-bodied wine made to feel deceptively light.





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Australian Gourmet Traveller (Australia), September 2018

The Caledonian 2015 gained strong marks from Bourne. "Quite an elegant, fine-boned wine with juicy red and black fruits spiced with cinnamon and mocha," he said. "The tannins it well with the fruit; the finish fine and long." Pritzker added, "Medium-bodied with great fruit intensity. Nicely balanced". I found obvious leafy notes, but there's nice depth of flavour. It's ready now.

Mike Bennie, The Winefront (www.winefront.com.au), 22 March 2018

90 points

This wine is cabernet and shiraz with splashes of tannat and petit verdot. I dig the traditional label too. Dark berry, raspberry, black olive, choc-mint, anise scents. Sweet-ish start to the wine. Pillowly and juicy in the palate, a wash of dark, jubey fruit character, light dusting of pepper, some mintiness, some green herbs, smudge of dusty tannins. Does the trick of an easy, soft, supple kind of style. Lush done well.

James Halliday, Halliday Wine Companion 2018, August 2017

95 points

55 percent cabernet sauvignon, 35 percent shiraz, the remaining 10 percent tannat and petit verdot, matured for 14 months in French oak (40 percent new). The oak is obvious on the bouquet, although less so on the complex, full-bodied palate, with its array of blackberry, blackcurrant, plum and spicy oak flavours, the tannins built to size. Drink by 2030.

Con Stamoulis, National Liquor News (Australia), 1 July 2017

91 points

Spicy, medium bodied & really great structure.

Daryl Fisher, National Liquor News (Australia), 1 July 2017

91 points

Blackberry, blackcurrant, cassis aromas. Dark fruits, liquorice, firm acid & good balance.





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The Caledonian 2013

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Reviews

Huon Hooke, www.therealreview.com (Australia), August 2017

95 points

James Halliday, *Halliday Wine Companion 2017* (Australia), August 2016

94 points

Good colour; an opulent, medium to full-bodied blend with a cascade of blackcurrant, blackberry, cherry, tannins and vanillan oak all sweeping along the palate. 94 points. Drink by 2038.

Lisa Perotti Brown, eRobertParker.com (USA), 1 August 2015

Medium to deep garnet/purple, the 2013 Katnook The Caledonian Cabernet Shiraz has aromas of black and red currents, blackberries and cedar with touches of pepper and cloves. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is balanced with good concentration and freshness, medium levels of grainy tannin and a long finish with refreshing lift.



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The Caledonian 2012

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Reviews

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion 2015 (Australia)*, 30 July 2014

95 points

A blend of cabernet sauvignon and shiraz, with smaller amounts of tannat and petit verdot, aged for 14 months in predominantly French barriques. A full-bodied blend, rich in dark berry fruit flavours, plum, tannins and balanced oak; secondary flavours of licorice and dark chocolate appear on the satisfying aftertaste, the tannat and petit verdot playing a role out of proportion to their small percentages.

Monique Farrow, *National Liquor News (Australia)*, 1 May 2014

Excellent long length with savoury characters.

Ben Malouf, *National Liquor News (Australia)*, 1 May 2014

Full of character with a lovely finish.



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The Caledonian 2010

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Reviews

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

91 points

Mostly Cabernet Sauvignon with 30% Shiraz, 5 to 10% Petit Verdot and the balance Tannat, the deep garnet-purple coloured 2010 Katnook The Caledonian Cabernet Shiraz offers up warm black plums, blackcurrant cordial and mulberries on the nose accented by lavender and Provence herbs. Full-bodied, rich and concentrated, the medium-firm, grainy tannins and vibrant acid carry through the long finish. Drink it now to 2020+. 91 points

Winestate (Australia), 1 January 2014

Five stars

A very appealing robust, power packed wine, with an appealing rich blackcurrant bouquet and terrifically bright fruit flavours. A seamlessly balanced palate, with incredible length. Five stars

Sumptuous (Australia), 1 July 2013

96 points

The bright purple-crimson colour leads into a fresh and vibrant bouquet and palate, with a cascade of juicy red and black fruits supported by fine tannins and integrated oak. An impressive reprise of the '87 Jimmy Watson winner. 96 points.

Winestate National (Australia), 1 August 2013

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James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2014 (Australia), 26 July 2013

96 points

250 dozen bottles made of this blend that spent 14 months in predominantly French oak barriques; the bright purple-crimson colour leads into a fresh and vibrant bouquet and palate, with a cascade of juicy red and black fruits supported by fine tannins and integrated oak. An impressive reprise of the '87 Jimmy Watson winner (which was a rather lesser wine).



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The Caledonian 2009

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Reviews

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2013 (Australia), July 2012

95 points

The name is a tribute to the Scottish founder of Coonawarra, John Riddoch, and for the first time for Katnook introduces a cabernet sauvignon, shiraz and petit verdot blend – a singularly successful move; the delicious palate has red and blackcurrant fruit flavours, tannins and oak just where they should be. Rated 95 points / cellar to 2029

John Lewis, Newcastle Herald (Australia), 3 August 2011

This engaging blend of 58 per cent cabernet sauvignon, 28 per cent shiraz, 9 per cent petit verdot and 5 per cent tannat is named in honour of Scotsman John Riddoch, the founder of the Coonawarra wine industry. The wine is dark, dense purple, has berry pastille and sage aromas and displays intense blackcurrant flavour on the front of the palate. Satsuma plum, dark chocolate and peppermint fruit characters combine with savoury oak on the middle palate and dusty tannins feature at the finish. DRINK WITH: chicken cassoulet, veal Marengo or oven-roasted saddle of lamb with baby carrots, turnips and asparagus. AGEING: 12 years. The Caledonian is a limited-release wine. Just 500 cases were made and it's only available at the Katnook Coonawarra cellar door.

Campbell Mattinson, Winefront Monthly (Australia), 20 July 2011

93+ points

Some obvious creamy oak but in the richly fruited context of the wine, it works well. It's a seductive wine for sure. Rich with blackcurrant, cream, plums and spicy oak flavour. Welcomely, there's no sign of alcohol heat, which allows the fruit flavours to roll evenly through finish. Chalky tannin has knitted nicely into the wine and there are no questions over its length. You have to be oak tolerant but this is both a quality wine and a delicious one. Enormously smooth texture. Rated : 93+ Points Alcohol : 13.5% Drink : 2014 – 2022

Tyson Stelzer, Wine Taste edition 19 (Australia), 17 June 2011

95 points

This is the freshest, finest, most oak-restrained, perfumed, exotically spiced and textural wine made under the great name of Katnook today, or any variety, at any price. The great cabernet shiraz blend triumphs again (with a tiny bit of support from petit verdot and tannat). 95 points.

David Ellis, Melbourne Observer (Australia), 18 May 2011



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C O O N A W A R R A

Katnook Estate has released its first– ever blend, a red comprising 58% Cabernet, 28% Shiraz, 9% Petit Verdot and 5% Tannat, and labelled The Caledonian in deference to Scotsman John Riddoch who founded the Coonawarra region in the 1890s, and made his second vintage in a woolshed that's now Katnook Estate's barrel room. This 2009 release has ripe savoury dark berry flavours with hints of mulberries and spicy plum. Only 3000 bottles were made: order at www.katnookestate.com.au, pay \$45 and enjoy with pepper steak.

Patrick Haddock, www.winingpom.com.au (Australia), May 2011

This new wine from Katnook Estate is named the Caledonian in honour of Scotsman John Riddoch who made Coonawarra's second vintage in the woolshed on Katnook's property. In the course of the next year this woolshed is to be restored to house Katnook barrels. However, this wine is really only a limited release (only 500 6–packs made) and will only be available to purchase online or at the cellar door for \$45. In keeping with the theme, we could view this wine as the wee Scotsman, wearing a kilt of Cabernet and a sporran of Shiraz before winemaker Wayne Stebhens tosses the caber of Petit Verdot and Tannat into the mix. Tasted over two nights. On the first it was lifted in red fruits, violets and what I described as Kola cubes (retro 80s sweets from the U.K.). On the second night there's still there's black cherry, plum, attractive florals and a spot of vanillin oak. I particularly like the way Petit Verdot and Tannat have been blended to increase the attraction of the nose, as it adds a lifted, floral perfume. It's got a glossy mouthfeel that's imbued with the generosity of Shiraz, there are juicy dark berry flavours, a touch of cola, some milk chocolate, well integrated oak and nicely weighted tannins. I imagine this will fly out the cellar door, especially as it's so suitable with food.



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COONAWARRA

The Caledonian 2005

CELLAR DOOR EXCLUSIVE

Reviews

Campbell Mattinson, *The Big Red Wine Book 2010/2011*(Australia)

92 points

A blend of cabernet sauvignon, shiraz, cabernet franc and tannat. It's matured mostly in French oak. There may not be much American oak in this wine, but it still stands out. It has creamy, musky, vanillin coating to it. It's otherwise juicy, cherried, plummy wine of decent concentration. Leathery gamey notes appear too. Drink 2011 – 2016. 92 points.

Lester Jesberg, *Winewise*, 1 December 2009

Mature red fruits aromas and has a good rich palate with an oak overlay. Savoury and attractive. Recommended.