



Katnook Estate

COONAWARRA

Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Awards

Silver medal	2016 Decanter World Wine Awards (UK)
Silver medal	2016 Sommelier Wine Awards (UK)
Silver medal	2015 Decanter World Wine Awards (UK)
Silver medal	2015 International Wine Challenge (UK)
Silver medal	2015 Japan Wine Challenge (JPN)
Silver medal	2014 Decanter Asia Wine Awards (HK)
Silver medal	2014 International Wine & Spirits Competition (UK)

Reviews

Wine Companion (Australia), June 2016

An elegant, full-bodied cabernet sauvignon with generous fruit, deep colour and fine, lingering tannins. Maturation for 22 months in 60 percent French and 40 percent American oak barriques add complexity and suppleness. Offers excellent cellaring of up to 15 years. What makes this style of cabernet so special? With its cool climate and famous terra rossa soils, Coonawarra produces world-class cabernet. Katnook Estate's cabernet sauvignon epitomises 'classic Coonawarra'. Since 1980, Wayne Stehbens has crafted wines from select vineyards to show subtlety, complexity and the region's unique terroir.

Tim Appelt, Wine Discovery website (Australia), 26 February 2016

92 points

Here is a very good Coonawarra Cabernet from the dependable Katnook. The wine is a deep ruby red, with a narrow red rim, with classic Coonawarra aromas of slightly lifted violets, ripe blackberry and black currant, mint, dried herbs and a lightly roasted character, cedar and dry earth. Brisk acidity balances the lingering, fine grained tannins, with a little heat building towards the finish. A very pleasing expression with some good complexity.

Michael Godel, www.godello.ca (USA), 20 February 2016

Leave it to Katnook to do things the very right way. Yes to dark, rich, ripe and swaddled fruit, no to heat and pomp. It sings and dances, trips across the tongue, slings corporeal fruit and brings cool rain in the form of acidity and tannin. Just right. And it's pretty much ready to go. Drink 2016-2020.

Ralph Kyte Powell, The Age and Sydney Morning Herald (Australia), 5 May 2015

93 points

Contemporary Coonawarra cabernet with black fruit, blackcurrant jam, bitter chocolate and lightly minty characters. Medium bodies well balanced and tangy, it's a wine of excellent regional focus. Ageing – Drink over eight years. Food idea – Lamb ribs





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John Lewis, Newcastle Herald (Australia), 23 May 2015

Katnook has long been one of the great standard bearers of Coonawarra cabernet and this one comes from the 31st vintage presided over by master winemaker Wayne Stehbens. The wine shows he is right on song, with its dense dark purple hues and enticing potpourri scents. Weighing in at 13.5 per cent alcohol, it delivers profound ripe mulberry flavour on the front of the palate. Blackberry, herb and mint chocolate fruit characters meld with vanillin oak on the middle palate and persistent berry fruit and earthy tannins combine at the finish. It is widely available in fine wine stores and is one of three Katnook new releases that include the \$20 Katnook 2013 Founder's Block Cabernet Sauvignon and the \$25 Katnook 2014 Sauvignon Blanc. The Katnook, Deakin Estate and Crackerjack wine brands are owned by Spain's giant Freixenet group – the world's largest producer of methode champenoise sparkling wines. \$20 Katnook Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 One of Coonawarra's top producers, this has that immediate approachability that Coonawarra is renowned for yet it could easily lay down for 10 years or so if you're the patient type. Loads of dark fruit and blackcurrant flavours of good concentration, there's also a chocolatey edge to it, and a hint of mint so often prevalent in Coonawarra cabernet. It's soft and round with tangy acidity.

Mike Frost, Courier Mail (Australia), 2 April 2015

94 points

From a warm, dry vintage, this shows rich blackcurrant and cassis fruit and a touch of mint on the nose and full bodied palate, with integrated oak and long firm tannins on the finish. While you could try it now with roast leg of lamb, it will reward long term cellaring.

Mike Bennie, Wine Business Monthly (Australia), 1 April 2015

92 points

Katnook Cabernet has a legion of fans and has fared well with the growing season of 2012. Good for the cellar, but in youth shows with perfume of blue fruits and cedary wood, offering plush, dark berry fruit character to taste with some of the red earth savouriness expected. There's tug of graphite tannins. Finishes with a cooling belt of acidity. It's a solid release, no doubt.

John Rozentals, Illawarra Mercury (Australia), 28 March 2015

This is the 31st vintage of Katnook Cabernet and the product of a dry, warmer than average season. This is shown by the wine's deep colour and full bodied, rich, generously flavoured palate, with great length and a backbone of fine tannins which will certainly help the wine mature for many years.

Des Houghton, Courier Mail (Australia), March 2015

Splendidly complex with the blackcurrant and mulberry fruit buzzing with earthy Coonawarra tannins. The Katnook Estate cabernet sauvignon is one of only 65 wines listed in the "excellent" category of the Langton's Classification of Australian Wine.

Peter Chapman, Daily Mercury, Chronicle and Queensland Times (Australia), 25 February 2015

95 points

Another Coonawarra classic from a leading winemaker. Ripe dark red fruits with hints of chocolate and oak. It would suit any special dinner occasion.

Food – Roast lamb



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Campbell Mattison, Winefront (Australia), 11 January 2015

94+ points

A commanding performance from Katnook Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. Swagger and substance. It's not the most elegant wine but it's lengthy and polished and ripped with fruit and tannin. Blackcurrant, redcurrant, boysenberry and an array of leafy herbs. Excellent release and going places.