



Reviews & Accolades

AWATEA 2009

WINE ORBIT

Sam Kim, Issue 11, March 2011

5 Stars & 95 Points

Just when you thought you've tried the best Awatea (2007), comes this exceptional 2009 wine. The nose is beautifully fragrant and primary, displaying red/black fruits and floral characters with hints of vanilla, game and cedar notes. It's focused and tight on the palate showing excellent mid palate weight and plenty of fine-grained tannins. The wine is pristine and structured with graceful power. Such a young wine, full of promise. 2009 Awatea is a blend of 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc. The wine was matured in new and seasoned French oak barrels for 18 months. At its best: 2015 to 2022.

ROBERT PARKERS WINE ADVOCATE

Neal Martin, Issue 191, October 2010

The 2009 could turn out to be a spectacular Awatea. There is already so much character and charm here.

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Bob Campbell MW, February 2011

93/100, 5 Stars

Lovely big cassis and plum fruit flavours with hints of mint, floral and spice interwoven with classy oak. Fruit-focused, chewy red with a lengthy finish. Deliciously drinkable now but with plenty of ripe tannins. Clearly a great vintage for Awatea.

REGIONAL WINES & SPIRITS

Anto Coates, March 2011

19.5-/20

A lighter purple red, with raspberries, baked bread and cassis. The hallmark of this wine though was the incredible focus, soft red fruit tannins and blackberries and long finish

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Sue Courtney, February 2011

The brightness of the opulent blackcurrant fruit is intense with hints of liquorice and violets coming through together with chocolate box and cedar. And while the tannins are tight, they are coated with chocolate and sweet fruit that initially mask their power and make them seem supple and silky.