



Reviews & Accolades

WINEMAKER'S RESERVE SYRAH 2008

GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE MAGAZINE

Bob Campbell, Jul 2010

4 Stars

This wine scores well in texture with sweet fruit smothering fine, ripe tannins. Flavours include ripe red berry, white and black pepper, some violet notes and spicy oak. An appealing varietal wine at a good price.

WINE ORBIT

Sam Kim, Oct 2010

87 Points & 4 Stars

From the Gimblett Road vineyard, this appealing Syrah displays red/black plum, cedar and subtle dried herb characters on the nose. The palate is ripe and medium-full with silky texture and well pitched fine tannins. A nicely balanced red showing lovely fruit intensity as well as gentle savoury complexity. At its best: now to 2014.

MICHAEL COOPER'S BUYER'S GUIDE TO NEW ZEALAND WINES

Michael Cooper, 2011

4 Stars

Rich and supple, it's a very harmonious wine with fresh, generous plum and black-pepper flavours and a long, spicy finish.

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Raymond Chan, Apr 2011

17.5/20 Points and 4 Stars

Dark, deep ruby-red colour with youthful purple hues, this has a full, appealing nose of black and red berry fruits with black pepper and lifted vanilla-oak notes. A restrained, elegantly proportioned wine with lovely harmony and balance, this has youthfully fresh, but soft, dark berry and black pepper fruit flavours along with spice and sweet oak elements on the palate. The tannins are fine-grained and provide some concentration and structure. Shy at present, this will develop further over the next 4-6 years. 95% Syrah and 5% Viognier from the 'Gimblett Road' vineyard fermented to 13.0% alc., then aged 16 months in new and seasoned French and American oak barrels.