

**ROBERT PARKERS WINE ADVOCATE**

Neal Martin, Issue 191, October 2010

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92 points

Very classic in style with superb balance. There is definitely a nod to the Old World here. Well-crafted and very 'true'.

**WINEWISE**

Volume 26, Number 6, February 2011

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Highly recommended

Very ripe aromas, lots of blackcurrant with tobacco leaf nuances in the Bordeaux style. The wine is medium bodied, elegant and tight, with abundant powdery tannins.

**GOURMET TRAVELLER**

June/July 2010

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92 points

Strong sweet fruit with plump, ripe berry, plum, spice, tobacco and floral flavours. An impressively dense wine with layers of flavours that nicely envelope a classy oak influence. Accessible and very attractive.

**WBM Top 100**

Tyson Stelzer

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94 points

A particularly fragrant season shines through in lifted blackcurrant and rose petal nuances. A wine of finesse and integration, it's drinking well now, but don't hesitate to put a few down for the medium-term.

**THE SOUTHLAND TIMES**

Warren Barton

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A New Zealand red that always lives up to its pedigree. This one is a good example of Hawke's Bay's take on the Bordeaux-style blend. Berry-driven with loads of complexity and flavour. A serious, quality wine that is already approachable.

**MICHAEL COOPER'S BUYER'S GUIDE 2011**

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Classic. 5 stars

Deeply coloured, it is refined, with concentrated, ripe blackcurrant, plum, herb and dark chocolate flavours, savoury, supple and showing good complexity. Already delicious, it's a forward vintage, drink now or cellar.

## THE LISTENER

Michael Cooper, March 2010

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5 Stars

This is a plush, rich red that's deeply coloured, with layers of blackcurrant, plum, herb, spice and chocolate flavours, savoury and supple. It's already delicious; drink now or cellar.

## THE DOMINION POST, YOUR WEEKEND MAGAZINE

Sam Kim, April 2010

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Is youthful and charming with pleasantly drying tannins.

## BOBSWINEREVIEWS.COM

Bob Campbell MW, March 2010

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Dense wine with plump, sweet fruit flavours including berry, plum, floral, tobacco and bay leaf. Very approachable wine offering excellent value.

## THE WINE FRONT

Campbell Mattinson, October 2010

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93 points

It tastes gorgeous. Its cedary, smoky characters are matched of course to dusty, chewy, blueberry and blackcurrant flavours and best of all, it has a dry, tobacco-like edge. It's fresh and polished and acidic; it needs a good lie down. Tannin is ripe and bold. All told, a classy wine.