

Gary Walsh. Australia, December 2022

95+
points

AWATEA CABERNETS/MERLOT '21

50% cabernet sauvignon, 36% merlot and 14% cabernet franc. Tasted alongside the 2020 and while they're obviously similar, there's more acidity and leafy perfume in the 2021.

Blackcurrant, raspberry and leaf, tobacco, and spicy perfume, pencil/cedar oak. Medium-bodied, tannin sits so nicely within the wine, fresh and long, with classic fragrance in with that. So 'mineraly' and cool. Very long. Precision and definition mark it out as a wine of class and fine filigreed deliciousness. It's just so good, energetic, stony and definitely worthy of cellaring. Superb.

Drink: 2025-2038+

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