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WINE ADVOCATE

Erin Larkin, September 2023

Coleraine '21

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The 2021 Coleraine is a superstar. It's the best I recall seeing on release in recent years, a total 'pleasure-dome' situation. Tea tree, oyster shell, lavender, black tea and tobacco leaf burst from the glass. Seamless, polished tannins grace the palate. There is texturally more silk to the tannins here than the Awatea tasted beside this (another great wine, for what it's worth). There are notes of creamy red fruits, cassis and bramble, Asian five spice, black cherry and graphite/mineral skein. The persistence of flavor here is extraordinary; it's detailed and nuanced but insistent in the mouth. I buy this every year, regardless of conditions, and this year I am very smug about that.

A superstar.

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