

Wakefield St. Andrews Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Rated 95, James Halliday, August 1, 2017

"Estate-grown, the fermentation identical to that of the Shiraz except that part is fermented in a large-format French foudre, and the 50% new oak is French, not American, the post-ferment maceration 8-12 weeks, not 4. It is massively full-bodied, and really needs decades to reach its best a la Wynns John Riddoch, but it does have balance, and the varietal character is not lost."

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Rated 93, Josh Raynolds. Vinous, October 2017

"Wakefield (known as Taylor's in Australia) was founded as a Cabernet-focused estate. While the range has expanded over time, Cabernet Sauvignon remains a strength. Brown sugar and cedar frame cassis fruit on the nose; the palate shows just enough juicy, mouthwatering fruit to support the ample oak. This is full bodied yet supple, with crisp acids showing on the finish."

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Rated 93 & Cellar Selection, Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast, February 1, 2017

"Youthful violet. An expansive bouquet evokes candied cherry, black currant and vanilla, along with suggestions of sandalwood, licorice and woodsmoke. At once concentrated and lively, offering sweet, focused black and blue fruit and spicecake flavors and a touch of star anise. Smooth, harmonious tannins add shape to an impressively long, sweet finish that echoes the spice and vanilla notes. Even though this wine clocks in at 14.98 percent alcohol, I don't detect any undue weight or heat, which is probably a function of its relatively low (3.49) pH."

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Rated 92, James Suckling, July 18, 2017

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Rated 90, MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator, 2017

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