

REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

2023 Church Block

Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot

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The Real Review, Stuart Knox - Apr 2026

90 POINTS

"Deep ruby in the glass. Blackcurrant, smoked meat and coffee grounds on the nose. Medium bodied with a complex palate that keeps showing different elements. Forest berries are the core, then earth, smoked meat, graphite and coffee notes ebb and flow through to a long and drying finish where a freshening mint herb note emerges."

Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards 2026

GOLD

McLaren Vale Wine Show 2025

GOLD - 95 POINTS

Halliday Wine Companion, Marcus Ellis - Mar 2026

92 POINTS

"Church Block must have been taken to almost every BYO restaurant in the country, back when that was the rule rather than the exception. It is still a perennial favourite, delivering quality and value. Lifted cabernet notes, leafy and fragrant, along with cedar and mulberry, the darker berries of shiraz occupying the palate. There's spice, a little dark chocolate. It's got some mid-palate presence, though more medium of feel, with nice transparency and openness. It's in winning form."

WBM, Tyson Stelzer - Mar 2026

92 POINTS

"The cool 2023 season has drawn out detail and focus in Cabernet Sauvignon, true to Church Block's mandate of upholding varietal cues and structure. This is one for the ages, with concentrated blackcurrant fruit and dark chocolate oak united on a strong, fine framework of enduring tannins. A bargain cellaring special."

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Erin Larkin - Sep 2025

90 POINTS

"The 2023 Church Block smells sweet and darkly fruited, with blackberry and mulberry, black pepper and raspberry coulis. The wine in the mouth is fresh and structural, with exotic spices and sweet-oak support, a combination of American and French oak. This is an entry-level wine for Wirra Wirra and has a long history of consistent value for money. This iteration from a cool, wet vintage is likely the best rendition of this wine that I've seen."

JamesSuckling.com, Ryan Montgomery - Aug 2025

93 POINTS

"Perfumed and fruit-driven, with aromas of blackberries, fresh plums, dried raspberries, potpourri and spices. The palate is plush and refined, with fine-grained tannins and a juicy, fruit- and earth-driven finish. A generous and textural wine composed of 54% cabernet sauvignon, 38% shiraz and 8% merlot. Drink or hold. Screw cap."



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Wine Pilot, Tony Love - Aug 2025

93 POINTS

"Cabernet has long been the flag-bearer for the traditional Church Block, its percentage in the blend varying depending on the season, this outing being 54% to lead 38% Shiraz and 8% Merlot. Each is vinified separately before the Cabernet characters decide the final assembly. And yes, they are bang-on varietally with dark berry, bay leaf, black olive paste, some forest leafiness and a faint whiff of choc-mint, from nose through the palate, a subtle tannin bitterness in the finish. A pretty solid Church Block expression."

Wine Pilot, Ray Jordan - Aug 2025

91 POINTS

"Another excellent wine from this famous value-for-money brand. In the winery, each parcel is treated separately through fermentation and maturation before blending. Despite a cool and somewhat challenging vintage, the wine has emerged largely unscathed, displaying lovely sweet fruit characters balanced with some nice savoury, spicy pepper. It is perfectly intergrated with a fine, lingering finish. An excellent wine for drinking in the short term."

The Wine Front, Campbell Mattinson - July 2025

93 POINTS

"... Wow, this is good for \$25. Impressed, I definitely am. It's mid weight, well balanced, well structured and well sustained. It tastes of berries, mint and chocolate, though it also carries a slightly dusty, gently autumnal edge. Fruit though is the mainstay. Excellent is the word. Top Value."

