



ZEMA ESTATE
2012 FAMILY SELECTION
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
COONAWARRA, AUSTRALIA



ALCOHOL
14%

VARIETY
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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Colour Notes

Developing red hue.

Aroma Notes

Classy french oak over classic Cabernet varietal nose.

Palate Notes

Delightful palate with supple tannin and coating mouthfeel.

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James Halliday

96 POINTS

Classic cigar box, mint and blackcurrant flavours come infused with smoky vanillin oak. It's midweight but it finishes strong and varietally proud. This should develop beautifully.

Mike Bennie of Wine Front

91 POINTS

Classic Coonawarra, or, as the label says, Traditional Coonawarra. Spends 24 months in new and used French oak. If you've ever been to a winery and a winemaker has proudly showed you the new barrels and let you take a sniff of virgin oak, this is the scent that greets you in this wine. Cedary, smoky, splintery, like the woodwork shop at school. It's got black currant and plum scents too, maybe mintiness, a whiff of earth. Medium bodied to taste, oak more backseat here but does provide some grip, missing some mid palate, but finishes with pleasing dark chocolate-raisin finish. Definitely an old school feel and the pleasure is in the ride of the palate.

Simon Hughes 'Max Crus' - Grape Expectations

9.1 / 10

There's that certain smell, taste, flavour of flash wines that hits you the instant you put it to your lips, and this has got it. Alas I was so excited I didn't record what those smells/tastes/flavours are in other terms...

Huon Hooke of 'The Real Review'

89 POINTS

Deep, youthful red colour with a trace of purple and the bouquet is menthol, eucalyptus-minty and quite raw oak-marked. Sappy aromas. It's medium to full-bodied and softly-textured, with some Dencorub or linament lift. The palate is straightforward and pleasant enough, with firm, gritty tannins on the finish, and not what I expected.

Toni Paterson of 'The Real Review'

89 POINTS

A hearty Coonawarra red. Concentrated chocolate, red and blackcurrant flavours with a little raisin, cedar and background vanillin oak. The acidity is high and the tannins are plentiful...



PRODUCTION OF
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FERMENTATION

7 days on skins in potter fermenters. Pressed to barrel to finish fermentation.

MATURATION

24 Months in new and used French hogsheads.

pH LEVEL

3.62

TA (TOTAL ACIDITY)

6.2 g/L



PUMP OVERS

IMAGE: ZEMA ESTATE



THE LAND
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Australia
 Coonawarra
 Winery blocks

NO. OF HECTARES	5 Ha			
SOIL TYPE	Terra Rossa			
FRUITION	BUDBURST	VERAISON	HARVEST	DAYS FROM V-H
	10/10/2011	24/01/2012	17/03/2012	53 days
YIELD (TONNES/HA)	2 /Ha			
PLANTING DENSITY	3m x 2m 1667vines/Ha			
AVERAGE VINE AGE	30 Years			
AVERAGE RAINFALL	580 mm			
ASPECT	E/W			
INTERROW REGIME	Natural Sward			
IRRIGATION REGIME	Drip			
FROST PROTECTION	None			