

McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon 750Ml

# Shirvington Cabernet Sauvignon "Highlights"

#### 2012

# • 91 – WINE ADVOCATE #220, Aug. 2015

"Deep garnet with hints of purple, the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon has pronounced cassis, crushed blueberries and blackberries with pencil shavings, violets and cloves hints. Medium to full-bodied, it has good concentration with plenty of finesse, purity and fine, ripe tannins. It finishes long and fresh."

#### 2011

## • 91+ WINE ADVOCATE #211, Feb. 2014

"... presents a pronounced nose of blackcurrant cordial, chocolate-mint and cloves with underlying cedar and marmite-toast hints. Medium to full-bodied with plenty of juicy, blackcurrant flavor in the mouth, it is supported by medium-level, grainy tannins and lively acidity through the long finish."

## • 91 – VINOUS, March 2016

"Opaque ruby. Cherry pit, cassis, pipe tobacco, vanilla bean and lavender pastille on the nose, with smoke and cracked pepper elements emerging slowly. Juicy, spice-tinged dark berry and bitter cherry flavors unwind slowly, picking up the hints of camphor and mocha on the way. At once sharply delineated and appealingly sweet, this Cabernet finishes with solid thrust; dusty tannins provide grip to the long smoky finish."

## 2010

## • 92 – WINE ADVOCATE #205, Mar. 2013

"Deep garnet colored, the 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon displays aromas of creme de cassis and blueberry preserves intermingled with hints of dried roses, cedar, vanilla and menthol plus a whiff of cinnamon. Medium to full-bodied, it has a great structure of firm, finely-grained tannins and a refreshing acid line to support the muscular berry preserve and baking spice flavors before finishing with excellent persistence."

#### • 91 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, Apr. 1, 2014

"This full-bodied, creamy-textured Cabernet is ready to drink. Confected notes of cassis and vanilla are slightly exaggerated, but make a big impression on the palate, while the supple tannins linger elegantly on the finish."

#### 2009

## • 93+ WINE ADVOCATE #199, Feb. 2012

"A blend of 98% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Shiraz, the 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon was 100% barrel fermented and aged for 17 months in 70% French and 30% American oak, 50% new. Deep garnet-purple colored, it is intensely scented with warm black currant, menthol and pencil shavings and hints of violets, bay leaf, yeast extract and black olives. Full bodied with plenty of taut, muscular fruit in the mouth, it has a solid backbone of firm grainy tannins and crisp acid, finishing long and layered with some oak poking through. Still quite tense and youthful, it should drink best 2013 to 2021+."

#### 2008

## • 91 – STEPHEN TANZER'S INT'L WINE CELLAR, July/Aug 2010

"Inky ruby. Ripe cherry and dark berries on the nose, with notes of mocha, vanilla bean and pipe tobacco adding complexity. Deep, palate-staining blackberry and boysenberry flavors are framed by velvety tannins. The dense fruit catches up with the oak on the very persistent finish, where the sweet vanilla and mocha qualities repeat. Let this rest for a few years."

#### 2006

## • 92 - WINE ADVOCATE, Oct. 2007

2005

• 95 – WINE ADVOCATE, Oct. 2006

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