



ALTA CABERNET "Highlights"

2015

• **92 – JAMES SUCKLING,** *June 21, 2017*

"This is a big and rich wine with lots of grape tannin and wood tannins yet it's also soft and juicy. Full body and lots of fruit. Medium finish. drink now or hold."

2014

- 95 WINEREVIEWONLINE.COM May 9, 2017
- 94 'EDITOR'S CHOICE' #66 Top 100 Wines of 2017 WINE ENTHUSIAST, July 2017

"Open-grain oak aromas are out front, followed by sweeter scents of marzipan prune and chocolate. A full, tannic palate is deep and dense, while toasty blackened flavors of cassis and blackberry finish with notes of mocha, chocolate and pepper. This is a bit rough and tannic, so cellaring will help it calm down."

• 92 – JAMES SUCKLING, May 20, 2016

"The black currant and mushroom character is intense on the nose. Full body, velvety tannins and lots of fruit. Smoky finish. A full-throttle style with all the new wood, but liking it. Drink now."

2013

• 92 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, Dec. 31, 2017

"This wine's initial cola and menthol aromas transition to ripe plum and berry notes with extended airing. Its full, chewy, tannic palate is a bit rough. Ripe, jammy cassis and spiced berry flavors are the story, with massive tannins and a ton of spice."

2012

• 91 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, October 1, 2015

"Compact, concentrated aromas of licorice, wild brush, fresh herbs, lemon peel and cassis come in front of a high-acid, juice, racy palate. Flavors of black plum, blackberry, herbs and pepper finish spicy, woody and with some unresolved heat. Drink through 2024."

• **90 – VINOUS**, February, 2015

"Saturated ruby. Precise, vibrant aromas of blackberry, blueberry, cassis, boysenberry and violet. Creamy-sweet and ripe but with its dark berry flavors nicely lifted by menthol and licorice pastille notes. Firm acidity accentuates this wine's concentration."

2011

• **90 – WINE SPECTATOR**, *November 30, 2013*

"This ambitious, full-bodied red show layers of smoky toast, nutmeg and black licorice to the rich cassis and macerated black cherry fruit, following through on the tangy finish. Drink now."

• 90 – ANTHONY GISMONDI, May 19, 2015

2009

- 92 WINE SPECTATOR, October 31, 2012
- 90 WINE ADVOCATE, October 2012

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