

Kay Brothers Cuthbert Cabernet Sauvignon

"Highlights"

2018

• 92 - WINE ADVOCATE, August 31, 2021

"The 2018 Cuthbert Cabernet Sauvignon - unlike the Shiraz bottlings here - ages exclusively in French oak hogsheads. Characteristically minty, it offers up notes of cassis and cedar, plus hints of sage and vanilla. It's medium-bodied and more obviously structured than the Shirazes, with a sense of restraint to the fruit despite the ripe, velvety tannins and lengthy finish..."

• 92, Cellar Selection, One of the "Best of the Year 2021" - WINE ENTHUSIAST, November 15, 2021 "A broody, savory Cab from one of McLaren Vale's more historic vineyards, this shows a dusty, old-school polish to accompany the vine age. Mint, dark chocolate, plum and cherry fruit and a backbone of pencil lead and dried herbs make up the nose, while the palate follows a similar flavor trajectory. Muscular, raspy tannins highlight the dusty, herbal nuances but don't overshadow the plush fruit. Don't touch this anytime soon. Drink 2023–2041."

2017

- 94 WINE ADVOCATE, July 31, 2020
- 91 JAMES SUCKLING, May 26, 2020
- 90 JAMES HALLIDAY THE AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION, August 2020

2016

- 95 WINE ADVOCATE, September 25,2018
- 92 JAMES SUCKLING, June 27, 2019

2012

• 95 – JAMES HALLIDAY – THE AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION, 2017

"Deep, healthy color; the varietal expression overwhelms any regional impact, making this an impressive wine; the use of 100% new oak has been fully justified. A long life ahead from a great vintage."

• 93 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, February 2017

"This wine starts off with an appetizing, savory, grilled-meat element on the nose, then showcases flavors of dark chocolate, mocha and plum. It's hefty on the palate, with a velvety texture and long, rich finish. Drink now-2027."

• 92 – VINOUS, March 2016

"Bright, violet color. Highly perfumed aromas of dark berries, cherry-cola, cured tobacco, smoky oak and vanilla, along with a spicy topnote. Smooth, broad and appealingly sweet, offering ripe, deep blackcurrant and cherry flavors and a suave spice cake nuance that builds with aeration. The smoke and spice notes resonate on a very long, seamless finish that's framed by smooth, harmonious tannins."

• 91 – WINE ADVOCATE #220, August 2015