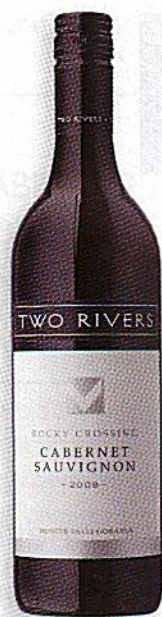


CABERNET SAUVIGNON

\$15-\$20

33 TASTED
16 AWARDED

Big lift in quality from the previous class. However, it was quite a variable group, with good highlights at the top end but quite a few borderline wines at the lower end. Overall a touch more care was taken and fruit had complexity.



Two Rivers Rocky Crossing Hunter Valley Orange Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ★★★★★1/2

Nice complexity of blackcurrant/toasty/minty aromas. Palate shows good structure and depth of berry fruit with some dark chocolate/minty characters. Good oak and tannin balance. \$16

Kirrihill Tullymore Vineyard Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ★★★★★

Ripe cassis nose with a pleasant, minty lift and an attractive, well-made, ripe fruit palate, nicely layered and beautifully balanced. \$19

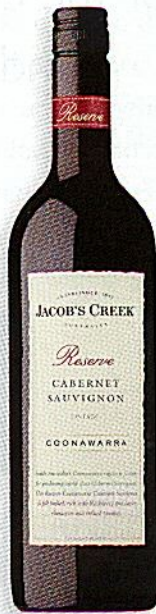


James Oatley Tic Tok Mudgee & Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 ★★★★★

Generous blackcurrant fruit nicely blended with the spicy characters. The nose has a minty element and the palate is full of generous fruit flavours. \$17.99

Berton Vineyard Reserve Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 ★★★★★1/2

Good density of spicy cabernet fruit on the nose, and a fresh palate with rich, extracted fruit flavours and charry oak. \$19



Jacob's Creek Reserve Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ★★★★★1/2

Simple, estery, blackcurrant bouquet and nicely layered palate with plenty of ripe fruit, tangy acid and drying tannins. \$18.99



Morris of Rutherglen Rutherglen Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 ★★★★★

Toasty/herbal bouquet and ripe, flavoursome palate with good tannin/acid balance. \$17.99

Rosemount Diamond Label Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ★★★★★

Blackcurrant nose; some spice. Generous, rich, fruit palate with toasty balance and drying tannins. \$15.99

Henry's Drive Vignerons Pillar Box Reserve Padthaway Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ★★★★★

Simple stewed fruit bouquet and lightweight, well-balanced palate with toasty/minty flavours. \$18

Reillys Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ★★★★★

Smells of Ribena with oak in the background and has a very drying, big, sweet, chocolaty palate. \$18

Jamiesons Run Limestone Coast Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ★★★★★

Spicy toffee nose with nice toastiness, and spicy fruit palate that's on the warm side. \$15.99

Lou Miranda Estate LeOne Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 ★★★★★

Nose of toasty oak with intense spiciness, and massively rich, sweet, licorice-like palate. Time! \$18.95

Aldi Stores Holloway Road Limestone Coast Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 ★★★★★1/2

Ripe, chocolaty nose and generous, nicely textured, chunky, leathery/spicy palate. Very good for a five-year old. \$19.99

Destinations Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 ★★★★★

Nice tight, cool-climate cabernet with toasty oak sitting on top of dark berry fruit. \$16

Taylor's Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ★★★★★

Big, ripe and complex purple wine with an oaky nose and lots of sweet varietal fruit flavours. \$18

DAY 1 - JUDGES



Geoff Cowey
Senior oenologist with AWRI. He has wide vintage experience including Barossa, Sunraysia, Great Western, Coonawarra, Tasmania, including Burgundy, Priorat, Penedes, Martinborough. Judge at New England Wine Show.



Aldo Bratovic
National Sales Manager for Cooper, Seguin Moreau. Industry consultant for Bullasio wines in Australia and Italy. Over 20 years with Petaluma wines in both marketing and winemaking. Has judged in capital city and regional wine shows.



Fil Scarpantoni
Vineyard Manager and director of Scarpantoni Wines for the past 27 years. Judge at the McLaren Vale wine show. Likes the Italian 'SlowFood' wine philosophy.