

SPOTTSWOODE

2017 Lyndenhurst Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine Enthusiast Advance Buying Guide, Virginia Boone

94 POINTS

This is a perennially incredible wine for the price, rounded and spicy in clove. With 10% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec and 1% Petit Verdot, it shows balance and integration—a mix of dark berry, forest and silky tannin that is seamless on the palate and impressively elegant and cohesive from start to finish. *Editors' Choice* (November 2020)

Jamessuckling.com, James Suckling

93 POINTS

Lots of blueberry and chocolate aromas and flavors. Medium to full body, round and soft tannins and a flavorful finish. 84% cabernet sauvignon and 10% merlot with cabernet franc, malbec and petit verdot. Drink or hold. (February 14, 2020)

Wine Advocate, Lisa Perrotti-Brown

92 POINTS

The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Lyndenhurst is blended of 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec and 1% Petit Verdot. Deep garnet-purple in color, it offers soft spoken notes of dried lavender, wild blueberries, fresh black currants and kirsch plus hints of dried herbs, unsmoked cigars and spice cake. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has a solid structure of ripe, grainy tannins and plenty of freshness to support the muscular, beautifully retrained flavors, finishing on a lingering earthy note. (October 31, 2019)

Wine Spectator, James Molesworth

91 POINTS

Ripe, juicy and forthright, with plum, blackberry and bramble notes that knit steadily tighter as they race through the finish, picking up dried anise, sage and warm earth accents. (November 15, 2020)

Vinous, Antonio Galloni

91 POINTS

The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Lyndenhurst is a very pretty wine. Bright red-toned fruit, floral notes and veins of tannin give the 2017 a real sense of energy; the purity of the flavors is just striking. The Lyndenhurst is easily one of the best 2017s in its peer group. This vintage has almost 1% less alcohol than the 2016, and a bit more tannic grip, which gives it a real feeling of energy. The Lyndenhurst is a blend of roughly equal parts declassified Spottswode barrels and purchased fruit. (January 10, 2020)

Creators.com, Robert Whitley

95 POINTS

Suffice it to say Spottswode's second label would make the first team at most other wineries. The 2017 is a powerhouse that begs for additional time in the cellar, offering a dynamic reward down the road upon reaching full maturity. Not that you couldn't enjoy this wine tonight, but decanting would be highly recommended in the event you just can't wait. You can count on the usual suspects: rich dark fruits, hints of baking spice and impressive structure that assures a bright future. (July 21, 2020)

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