

# REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

## 2017 Church Block

Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot

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Australian Wine Review, Andrew Graham - JUL 2019

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### 91 POINTS

"Here's a wine that I know will brighten up a dour pub list. The Wirra Wirra Church Block 2017 is another reminder that making good \$25 wine isn't hard. You just have to overdeliver. As ever, this red is sourced from McLaren Vale fruit. This year it's 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Shiraz and 9% Merlot, which is close to the standard blend ( I think)... In my mind, the Cab component seems particularly dominant this year, with a whiff of cedar and dark berries. Between that and the richness of the Shiraz it's makes for a chunky, substantial red that is a little rough edged (and plenty of acidity), but long and genuine. You come away satisfied by the saturation, the McLaren Vale width and the real tannins. It's a lot of wine at a very fair price."

JamesSuckling.com, Nick Stock - JUN 2019

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### 92 POINTS

"This is in good shape in this vintage with very clear cabernet cassis and blackcurrant aromas, as well as leaves and red fruit. The palate has a very evenly paced build with layers of tannin and a smooth, juicy and deep finish. A blend of 52% cabernet sauvignon 39% shiraz and 9% merlot. Drink or hold."

100 Best Australian Wines 2019/20, Matthew Jukes - MAY 2019

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"2017 Church Block is an eternal favourite of mine in both 100 Best and my other writing, too. In 2017 this is a feisty, naughty, edgy wine with an unpredictable attitude, hinting that it is a non-conformist in this vintage. Just when you thought you could predict that Church Block would always taste the same (i.e. great), it has released a wine which shows that it can have fun, push the boundaries and tweak the taste buds like never before."

The Real Review, Toni Paterson - MAY 2019

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#### #6 TOP 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BLENDS, AUSTRALIA

"Dark red hues with medium intensity. Excellent cherry jam and Turkish Delight aromas. Also, some dark cherry, and a hint of sarsaparilla. The palate is deliciously fleshy, plush, supple and chocolatey, and the tannins are beautifully integrated into the fabric of the wine. This McLaren Vale blend does not disappoint. Top value."

The Australian, Nick Ryan - APR 2019

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"The contemporary Church Block is a blend of 52 per cent cabernet, 39 per cent shiraz and a "not as heretical as it might seem" 9 per cent of merlot. It delivers cassis and black cherries, mulberries and dry gum leaves, a seam of dark chocolate. There's supple flesh draped over a sturdy skeleton; it fills the mouth with generous flavour before tapering beautifully through a finish shaped by dusty tannins. It really is text-book stuff and there are lessons here for those who want to listen."

