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2018 INTEGRO CABERNET SHIRAZ

REVIEWS

98 points, Andrew Caillard/Angus Hughson, The Vintage Journal, May 2022

Deep crimson. Complex blackcurrant, blackberry, praline, roasted chestnut mocha, marzipan notes. Richly flavoured, round and smooth with beautiful pure blackcurrant, blackberry mocha espresso flavours, fine loose-knit grainy tannins and underlying roasted chestnut, toffee notes. Finishes chocolaty and long with a long life ahead. Now–2035

97 points, Dave Brookes, Halliday Wine Companion, 10 March 2022

Stunning fruit purity and detail on display here, with cascades of blackberry and blackcurrant along with cassis, kirsch, spice, cedar and licorice. The fruit is the star though. Achingly pure and beautifully integrated with all the components of the wine. Lovely tannin and oak management too, with an opulent yet graceful flow through to the enduring finish.

96+ points, Erin Larkin, The Wine Advocate, 21 June 2024

The 2018 Integro Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz is a blend of Eden Valley and Barossa fruit, matured for 20 months in French oak. 2018 was an excellent vintage in many places in Australia, and the great state of South Australia is no exception. Warm and ripe, but with good winter rains leading in, the vintage has been defined in more recent years by its red-fruited energy and fully resolved tannic profile, without (in most cases) the alcohols being overblown. This 2018 Integro is a fine example of that statement, coming in at 14% alcohol. On the nose, there is leafy cassis, tobacco leaf, dark chocolate, aniseed, licorice, black tea and mulberries. In the mouth, the wine performs exactly thus, shaped by a wall of ductile tannin. Give this a decant; the length of flavor tells us everything we need to know about its quality, and the characters are currently bound up in their youth. Give it the opportunity to stretch its legs, if you insist on drinking it as a young wine. The drinking window is likely very conservative.



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