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MUSEUM RELEASE - 2016 INTEGRO CABERNET SHIRAZ

REVIEWS

98 points, The Vintage Journal, November 2025

This is a museum release, but great to see wines given time in the cellar for those who enjoy more mature styles. A version of the great Aussie blend, Cabernet and Shiraz, with 70% of the fruit sourced from the Stonegarden Vineyard near Springton, which has plantings dating back into the 19th century. The remainder hails from the team's best parcel at Ebenezer. Maturation was for a year and a half in French oak hogsheads, with 42% of them new. Under cork. Dark maroon in colour, this is a wine of maturity, complexity and still with promise. On top of that, great drinking now. We have notes of chocolate, mocha, bergamot, black fruits, charcuterie and a hint of sandalwood. This is dense but balanced and seriously long, a pleasing juicy style which will offer great drinking over the next two decades. Stunning stuff. Drink now–2045

96 points, Ryan Montgomery, James Suckling.com, November 2024

The nose is seriously complex, with layers of blackcurrants, blood plums, tobacco leaves, graphite and cured meat. The palate is full-bodied with finely integrated tannins and bright acidity, giving notes of mulberry bush, ferric earth, iodine, mocha and dried herbs. A wonderfully balanced blend of 70% cabernet sauvignon and 30% shiraz from an average vine age of 110 years. Released after six years in bottle. Excellent. Drink or hold.

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

The first vintage that they released of the Integro was 2017. I have reviewed the 2017 and the 2018; however, both Tim and John Duval view the 2016 Integro Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz as now being ready for release. It's 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and the balance Shiraz, matured for 18 months in 20% new French oak. So, on the nose, the wine leads with dark chocolate and olive tapenade, roast beef crust and cocoa. The fruit in the mouth is dark and dense, and it has a tobacco, pipe smoke, dried fruit/Christmas cake spice inflection running through it. The texture is dense and chewy, but the wine exudes confidence and balance in equal measure. It's a powerful wine, and it's impressively in balance. 14.5% alcohol, sealed under natural cork.

95 points, Andrew Caillard, the Vintage Journal, August 2024

Deep crimson. Blackcurrant, hint mocha graphite, sage aromas with hints of tobacco leaf. Inky deep wine with ample blackcurrant, black cherry fruits, fine grained - touch al dente/ cedary tannins and underlying mocha, hint creme brulee notes. Finishes claret firm and bitter sweet. A classic cabernet wine with lovely density, volume and grip. Drink now - 2034



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