JOHN DUVAL WINES

2021 COMPONO CABERNET SAUVIGNON

REVIEWS

94 points, Gary Walsh, The Real Review, January 2024

From the Hutton Vale Farm (Eden Valley), with 10% from Moppa (340m ASL). 20% new French hogsheads. 250 cases made. And indeed, this is very Eden. The blackcurrant, sage and subtle truffle notes, a little spice and cedar. It's medium to full-bodied, a sweet dark uptake of blackberry and blackcurrant, sage-brushed with a herbal inflection, cinnamon and clove, fine dusty tannin grip, bright pippy berry acidity, with a finish of excellent length. Juicy and savoury at once, with the coolness that comes along with grapes grown in this part of the world.

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

The 2021 Compono Cabernet marks the first release of this cuvee. The fruit is from the Angas family's Hutton Vale farm up in Eden Valley, with 10% of the fruit from high Moppa (380 meters elevation). Aromatically, the fruit is leafy and spiced, with blackberry and raspberry nuance, rose petals and tobacco. The detail in fruit and tannin here is impressive, and the wine is balanced and fresh. The tannins are a highlight through the mineral finish. 14% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.

92 points, Angus Hughson, Vinous, July 2023

The 2021 Compono puts a lovely slant on Barossa Cabernet with its fine, fresh and detailed style showing blackcurrant bush, blackberry and dried sage aromas well matched to beautifully integrated oak. Graceful with understated mid-weight and elegant flavours, it holds its shape beautifully over a long, ethereal finish.







