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2023 COMONO CABERNET SAUVIGNON

REVIEWS

**94 points, The Vintage Journal, November 2025**

This is the second release of this wine. This time, the fruit was sourced from the Hutton Vale Farm Vineyard in Eden Valley and blended with 35% Cab from Moppa. Maturation was in barrels, French oak hogsheads, with 20% of them new, for 15 months. 450 dozen made. A plum/magenta hue, the wine exhibits notes of plums, warm earth, aniseed, coffee grinds, chocolate, tobacco leaves and animal skins. Good complexity is already emerging. This is ripe, soft, approachable and generous, with a long and persistent finish. Soft, furry tannins and a seductive texture complete the picture. Enjoy over the next 8–10 years. Drink now–2035.

**94 points, Dave Brookes, Halliday Wine Companion February 2025**

This is the second release of this cabernet sauvignon, sourced from the northern Barossa subregion of Moppa with the balance (35%) coming from Hutton Vale in the Eden Valley. Fine, elegant and detailed with characters of ripe blackberry, black cherry and crème de cassis with hints of spice rack, tobacco, dried herbs, sage, black cherry paste, cedar, earth and violet tone notes. Graceful with a harmonious composition, powdered schisty tannins and mineral cadence, finishing long and satisfying.

**93 points, Ryan Montgomery, James Suckling.com, November 2024**

The nose is rich and savory, with aromas of blood plums, dark cherries, mocha and dried herbs. The palate is full-bodied with fine tannins and bright acidity, giving notes of blackcurrants, graphite and cured meat. Wonderfully complex with a fresh undertone. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

**91 pts Huon Hooke, The Real Review 14 December 2025**

Deep, bright and youthful purple-red colour; smoky meats, bresaola and a hint of black olive/tapenade; the palate medium bodied and smooth-tannined, fleshy and drying at the finish. This is supple, elegant, and already drinks well.

*John and Tim Duval*

