



CULMINA  
FAMILY ESTATE WINERY



## ACCOLADES FOR MERLOT

### 2015 VINTAGE

**91 points – John Schreiner**

*This wine, which was aged in French oak (20% new), begins with expressive aromas of spicy dark fruit and cassis. The wine is big and firm and definitely benefits from decanting. It will age well, revealing more complexity beyond the flavours of black currant.*

**90 points – Rick Van Sickle**

*An inviting nose of cassis, cherry and currants with well integrated oak spice notes. It is lavishly appointed on the palate with blackberry, cherry, and currant fruits to go with smooth, fine tannins, barrel spices and a long, long finish. Can cellar 5+ years.*

### 2014 VINTAGE

**92 points – John Schreiner**

*“Bold and dark in colour... with aromas of plums and black cherry that jump from the glass. On the palate, there is a juicy mouthful of black cherry, blueberry compote and dark chocolate. The 16 months the wine spent in French oak barrels has imparted hints of vanilla both in the aroma and in the flavor.”*

**91 Points – Rick Van Sickle**

*“Such a gorgeous nose of plums, cherries, blackberries, anise, sweet/savoury spices and toasted oak notes. It’s bright with a cavalcade of flavours on the entry to the palate. Look for ripe, dark and red berries, toasted vanilla spice and elegantly appointed spice notes on a supple, smooth delivery though the finish. Can cellar and develop 7+ years, but nicely integrated right now.”*

**4½ Stars – Vic Harradine**

*“Black plum, red berry fruit and spice aromas settle into a smooth and mellow mouthful of rich flavour with ripe boysenberry soon joined by crunchy red cherry, mineral notes and racy passionfruit enveloping the palate infusing the finish. This showcases complexity, purity of fruit, deft balance, medium weight with full mouthfeel and lengthy, lip-smacking aftertaste boasting sweet vanilla, fennel and mocha. Drink now to 2023.”*



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### 2013 VINTAGE

92 points – John Schreiner

*“This wine was aged 16 months in French oak (50% new), polishing the long ripe tannins. The wine begins with aromas of red fruit, vanilla and spice. On the palate, the voluptuous texture emerges with breathing. The flavours include plum, cassis and blackberry. The finish lingers.”*