



"TOP DOG!"

2013 THE DOG STRANGLER MATARO

70yo mataro, hand-picked, crushed/destemmed, open-fermented with cultured yeast, 5 days on skins, 15 months in oak. Terrific colour; a sumptuous, rich, succulent mix of red and black fruits; fine tannins add more to the package than the oak.

95 POINTS JAMES HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION

It's chocolatey. It's rich. It's dense. It impacts from the outset; sets its style likewise. It tastes of fresh leather and saturated blackberry; it's bold and obvious, squeaky clean and set with silty tannin. Don't let the light-ish colour fool you; there's real power here.

93 POINTS, CAMPBELL MATTINSON, THE WINE FRONT, APRIL 2016

Oak, coffee accented plummy depths; a dollop of fruits of the forest compote, florals and a little garrigue/dried herb. On song. Chewy, richly spiced, game and dried meat; Dutch licorice, a textural swathe across the finish segueing to a Jamie Oliver style sprinkle of nutmeg. Long on the finish, you could indeed choke a dozen dogs on this fellow.

93 POINTS, STUART ROBINSON, MARCH 9, 2016

Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2013 The Dog Strangler (Mourvedre) has pronounced blackberry, blackcurrant and licorice scents with suggestions of dried earth, prunes and potpourri. Full-bodied and packed with cassis and black berry preserves flavors, it has a solid yet approachable backbone of chewy tannins and plenty spice in the long finish.

91+ POINTS, LISA PERROTTI-BROWN, WINE ADVOCATE, JUNE 30, 2015

Deepish red colour with a trace of purple; chocolate and vanilla dominate the bouquet - presumably from oak. The wine is full-bodied and fleshy, rich and dense, with plenty of oak making its contribution to texture as much as flavour. The tannins are smooth and supple. A good wine of its type, but the oak input is higher than it needs to be. The wine is rich and fleshy, with plenty of texture thanks to generous oaking.

90 POINTS, HUON HOOKE, HUONHOOKE.COM, MARCH 2016



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