

REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

2022 Church Block

Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot

WIRRA WIRRA

New Zealand International Wine Show - SEP 2025

SILVER - 94 POINTS

New World Wine Awards, New Zealand - JUL 2025

92 POINTS

The Global Cabernet Sauvignon Masters 2025

GOLD

Rob Geddes MW - APR 2025

93 POINTS

"Church Block is one of those wines we should celebrate more often as it reliably offers excellent value with enough production volume to be easily found. 2022 is their 50th vintage and it is McLaren Vale's top selling wine and our third biggest selling red wine nationally.

A blend of Cabernet, Shiraz and a dab of Merlot, it is basically a cabernet shiraz loaded with red berry, hints of leafiness and violet in the aromas flowing into smoothly textured generous and deep red fruit cranberry flavours and McLaren Vale's legendary middle palate generosity with a long even balanced palate. Although easy drinking and effortlessly charming, there is a nicely woven imprint of gentle Cabernet tannins to close that sustains the wine and gives it sophisticated charm. Wirra Wirra's vineyards are certified organic and biodynamic and the winery is committed to an officially endorsed net zero emissions strategy."

SAKURA Awards - FEB 2025

GOLD

Winepilot, Ray Jordan - OCT 2024

92 POINTS

"A wine that marks 50 years since Greg Trott produced the first Church Block back in 1972. Smooth dark chocolate laced plummy fruit on the nose with a slightly spicy white peppery lift. The palate is supple and smooth with its medium body delivering through to a sustained finish. It's such a friendly and approachable wine, just as Trott intended."

The Wine Front, Campbell Mattinson - OCT 2024

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"Cabernet Sauvignon (51%) Shiraz (42%) Merlot (7%).

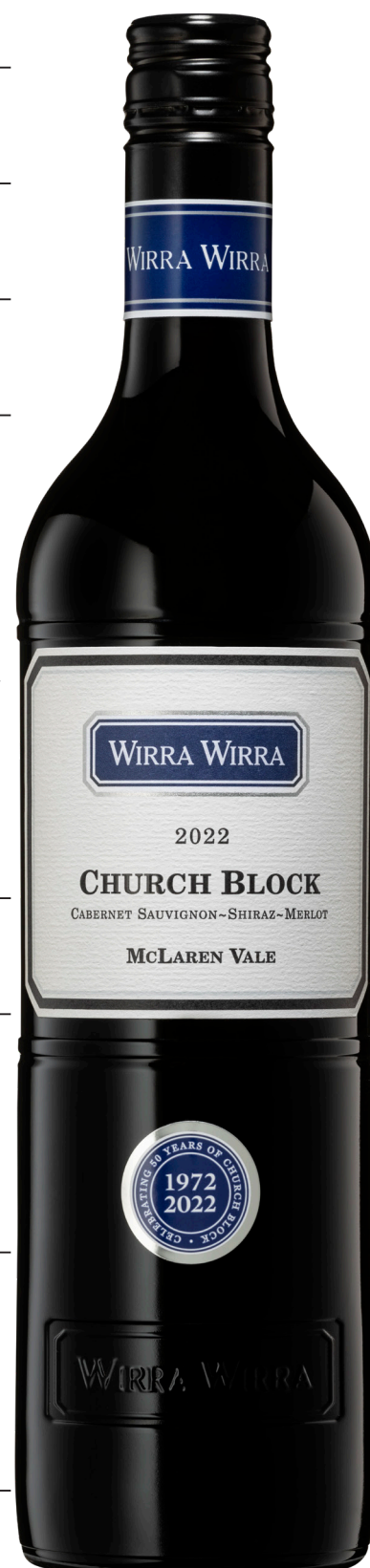
This release of Wirra Wirra Church Block is on song and in form. It has plenty of flesh and fruit but it's also firm and dry. It tastes of boysenberry, redcurrant, saltbush and dried herbs, with a gently ferrous-like element running throughout. It's lovely to drink; solid but supple."

McLaren Vale Wine Show 2024

92 POINTS

The Real Review, Huon Hooke - JUL 2024

"Crushed leaf, violet and red berry aromas with cabernet leading the way. It's medium-bodied and elegant, with good intensity and freshness, the slightly sappy, insistent tannins of cabernet evident on the palate. A very smart wine for this price-point.."



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TEXSOM Awards - MAR 2024

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Halliday Wine Companion, Marcus Ellis - FEB 2024

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"A blend of cabernet sauvignon, shiraz and merlot, 51/42/7%. The Wirra Wirra worker bee, this does what Church Block typically does: deliver ample flavour and fruit plushness but with a measure of structure and freshness that makes it a great all-rounder, a friend to many foods and weighted to invite a second glass. Brambly red fruits, leafiness, cracked pepper, dark berry notes, a sweet-fruited mid-palate, and a nice grip to close. It's a fine release."

JamesSuckling.com, Ned Goodwin MW - FEB 2024

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"A vintage that marks an incoming winemaker and a culling of lesser quality fruit. Cabernet and shiraz, the Aussie archetype. Consummate, medium-bodied and savory, with better tannin management than what I recall of past vintages. Bay leaves, currants and iodine, with licorice tannins serving as gentle directives to good, supple length. An everyday claret for the sophisticate, with a strong maritime feel."

Vinous, Angus Hughson- JUL 2023

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"The Church Block is upping its game in 2022 with the addition of superstar winemaker Emma Wood. It delivers generous layers of fruit, leafy lifted blackcurrants showing Cabernet origins brightly, with chocolate-berry and old oak in strong support. Excellent power for the price, more berry with gravel and graphite underpinned by a solid core of tannins. The structure is surprisingly strong for a wine at this price, so it's a bargain for the cellar."

