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Double Take

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HOWARD PARK ABERCROMBIE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2005

WALSH

“It’s something of a classic cut and thrust wine of the old school with nothing over done. It has fairly subtle oak with just a lick of vanilla over mulberry and mixed berries, wet cement and gum leaf. Just medium bodied but with firm tannin and impeccable structure...After being open a day it filled out and lengthened some more. All good signs. Those used to the more modern richer, bigger style of Howard Park may be taken by surprise, but the classicists may well be delighted. I think it’s a wine for the future.”

MATTINSON

Howard Park Cabernet is a favourite and I love the modern era of it – the 2004 is a stunner...This release doesn’t have the 2004’s power. It’s more a wine of elegance. It tastes of blackcurrant and mulberry and dried tobacco, with quality French oak whispering insistently throughout. There are eucalypt-like tips and autumn leaf-like notes that so characterise Howard Park’s top cabernet. And it has decent length. Walsh and I tasted this separately and it turned out we’d fallen on the exact same rating.

92 Points



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