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## HOWARD PARK ABERCROMBIE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2008



“...the 2008 quite simply blew me away with its fragrance, fine tannins, freshness, fabulous fruit purity (cassis and black olive) and subtle cedary oak – Abercrombie on overdrive! Fortunately Howard Park’s owner Jeff Burch was on hand so I could quiz him about this vintage’s tangible hike in quality from an already impressive base and one, I might add, that just bagged Cabernet of The Year in Campbell Mattinson and Gary Walsh’s just-released *The Big Red Wine Book 2010/11*. Burch told me that he’s using the kit he bought for Marchand and Burch Pinot Noir (a wine he makes in collaboration with Burgundy’s Pascal Marchand). This meant that, in 2008, Abercrombie fruit underwent even more rigorous selection across the vibrating sorting table, resulting in less petioles (leaf stalks), so finer tannins... There’s a little less oak too (40% compared with 50% in 2007).

A gorgeous, elegant Cabernet...”



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