MCHENRY HOHNEN VINTNERS



2021 McHENRY HOHNEN BDX MALBEC / CABERNET PETIT / VERDOT

Review Summary

94 pts — "This is taut, streamlined and tightly knit. Mid-weighted of feel and immensely savory, beaming scents of graphite, dried tobacco, black olive, lilac and currant along a barrel of sage-doused tannins, a glint of precision and class from attack to the long finish A complex wine with a considerable future ahead of it. Best the next day and the one after that given a bit of youthful inscrutability. Super value, too. Drinkable now, but best from 2025."

Ned Goodwin MW, James Suckling 28 June 2023

93 pts - "A touch more Malbec than Cabernet Sauvignon and some Petit Verdot in the blend. Bright, light mix of berries, earthy and leafy but not green. Palate has a bit of a grip and chew, tart red and black fruit skins in the mix, earthy feel with bitter finish. It's uplifting, medium-bodied wine, crunchy with dark cocoa and salty seaweed feel and smooth tannins. Very pleasing."

Kasia Sobiesak, The Wine Front 19 May 2023

92 pts - "Deep and bright, youthful red with a strong purple tint; there are very appealing cassis aromas, classical cabernet fruit of perfect ripeness, while the tannins are sappy and just a trifle gripping for early drinking. It needs time and/or hearty food. A big, solid red wine. (Footnote: both malbec and PV will give that slightly tough mouth-feel. Give it some hearty red meat)."

Huon Hooke, The Real Review 10 January 2023

92 pts - "If you care to know, malbec comes in at 44%, cabernet sauvignon at 39% and petit verdot at 18%; only the cabernet sauvignon is aged in some new French oak (about 30%) for about 16 months. Lovely fragrance of red roses, warm earth, cedary oak and a hint of mint while flavours are red and blackcurrants, spicy salami and clafoutis. Full bodied with persuasive, raspy tannins that need more time to settle into the wine, and they will."

Jane Faulkner, Halliday Wine Companion 24 April 2023