

Bronze – 2016 Boutique Wine Awards

The Wine Front - 92 Points

Made with grapes both from the home/estate Canberra District vineyard and from Tumblong Estate in Gundagai. 10% whole bunches. 10 months in French oak. Excellent rendition of sangiovese. Light but not too light. Well structured. Flesh only in the right places. Cherries red and black, spices and herbs. Nutty aspects, almost into chestnut. Acidity keeps matters tense. A refreshing version of pleasure.

Huon Hooke – 89 Points

Bright, youthful deep purple-red colour; the aroma is fresh and clean, straightforward cherries. It's light-medium bodied, vibrant and gentle with low tannin. Very smart early-drinking fresh red. (Gundagai and Murrumbateman. 13.9% alc.) 7/4/2016

Chris Shanahan, The Canberra Times - 4 stars

Owner Sarah Collingwood writes, “we are aiming for all of our grapes to be estate grown and we are in the process of grafting over some of our merlot to achieve this.” In the meantime, sangiovese from Gundagai complements the estate-grown stuff in an impressive local shot at this Italian variety. It's a shade paler in colour than the shiraz reviewed today, but that's normal for sangiovese. Bright, fresh, sour-cherry-like fruit flavours give the wine life and instant appeal. Typically for sangiovese, quite strong tannins encase the fruit creating a tasty arm-wrestle between the sweetness of the fruit and the savour, grip and dryness of the tannins.