



# Moss Wood 'Moss Wood Vineyards' Cabernet Sauvignon 2011



Moss Wood, geplant in 1969, is één van de pioniers van de Margaret River-wijnstreek, gelegen in de noordelijke subregio van Wilyabrup, West-Australië. Clare & Keith Mugford, wijnbouwers en eigenaren, maken sinds respectievelijk 1984 en 1979 wijn op het kleine Moss Wood. Hun veeleisende oog voor detail zorgt voor de productie van druiven van exceptionele kwaliteit. Jaar in jaar uit onderscheiden de fijne wijnen zich door hun consistentie en uitzonderlijk bewaarpotentieel. Reeds jaren draagt de Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon de titel als allerbeste van Australië. De namen Moss Wood & Mugford staan synoniem voor compromisloze kwaliteit.



**Land:** Australia

**Streek:** Margaret River

**Samenstelling:** Cabernet Franc , Cabernet Sauvignon & Petit Verdot

**Proef:** Aantrekkelijke en nobele neus met fijn rood fruit, viooltjes, fijn hout en chocolade. In de mond wordt het genereuze, donkere fruit mooi gedragen door een fijne tanninestructuur en goed gedoseerd Frans eiken vat. De afdronk is super verfijnd en lang en eindigt met een lichte bloemigheid van viooltjes. Aristocratische wijn die zich kan meten met de allerbeste Cabernets uit andere (lees klassieke) regio's.

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## Recensies

### Parker: 95+/100

*Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon has an enticing nose of mulberries, black-plum preserves, cassis and blueberries with an undercurrent of violets, cedar and menthol. Medium-bodied and demonstrating great finesse, even at this youthful stage, the expressively perfumed, black-fruit flavors are nicely framed by firm, ripe tannins and refreshing acid. It finishes with incredible length.*

### James Halliday: 97/100

*James Halliday: The 2011 vintage at Moss Wood was extremely good. Moss Wood at its best, everything in its right place, perfectly balanced, and speaking of the vineyard, the vintage, the variety and the winemaker with equal conviction. Full purple-crimson; supple blackcurrant fruit is cosseted by superfine, but persistent, tannins and high quality French oak. Score: 97/100.*

### Nick Stock: 96/100

*Moss Wood 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon – Australian top 50 2014 – Nick Stock A bright, fragrant and aloof style of cabernet sauvignon that has plenty of lively and vibrant fruit in the mix, behind cedary oak and a gentle layer of leaves and brick dust. The fruit is in the Wilyabrup spectrum of red berries and cassis. The palate has smooth, fabric-like tannins on offer with an evenly formed, graceful and slow-building ascent through to the finish. Very nicely framed up, well balanced and a gently fleshy release through the finish.*

### Wine Spectator: 90/100

*Supple, bright and expressive, with cherry, licorice and floral flavors that persist charmingly against lightly crunchy tannins on the finish. Drink now through 2020. 90 points*

**Nick Stock:**

*Moss Wood was at the bolder end of the scale. The 2011 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon (91 per cent cabernet sauvignon, 6 per cent petit verdot and 3 per cent cabernet franc) demonstrated the kind of finely suspended tannin that is usually only seen in Bordeaux wines. It was a polished, finely sanded, well-finished rendering of great Margaret River cabernet.*

**James Halliday | Wine Companion: 97/100**

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**David Prestipino : 97 /100**

*Best 20 wines of 2014 – WA Today I've been extremely lucky to try a lot of great wines this year, so when the boss asked for a list of my top 20 from 2014, it was enough to drive one to, err, drink. But alas, I consulted my little black book (endless pages of various notes and scores on wines) and went about my business – with mostly reds and whites from outstanding vintages in Western Australia standing tall. And word on the grapevine is that the west was once again in a class of its own for vintage 2014 – another perfect growing season in all wine regions, with healthy yields to boot. Which means the dominance of WA wines in lists like these will continue for some time yet... all you have to do is make your merry way to winery websites (or retailers) listed below and treat yourself.*

**Peter Scudamore Smith:**

*Very complete wine for Moss Wood, and one of Margaret River's superior styles of cabernet; therefore one of the best in Australia; the "old guard" style which is commendable as more Margaret River makers take the "soft and juicy" road of wines eminently drinkable after a year; this has power and backbone; not elegant fruit; more an array of flavours-licorice, black fruit, cassis, tobacco, smidgin of herbs, all very good, oak is below, chunky fruit above; now this wine is permitted some comparison with the Medoc as it has weight; of interest alc has dropped to 13.5% from the usual 14.5%; a boost for longer term balance.*

**Parker: 95/100**

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**Lyndey Milan:**

*Moss Wood 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon seems a riper vintage than 2010, something I prefer in Margaret River cabernets in general. This one is packed full of red and dark berry aromas with some lovely spice. This translates on the palate with long, supple flavours again with red and black currant. Winter is the time I enjoy this wine style most with roast lamb and*

*red meat braises especially anything with mushrooms. It is the umami flavour which goes so well with cabernet.*

**Josh Reynolds: 93 /100**

*Moss Wood 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon – International Wine Cellar July/August 2014 – Best New Wines From Australia – Josh Reynolds Inky ruby. Sexy dark berry and candied cherry scents are given depth by suave oak spice, vanilla and fruitcake nuances. Sweet cassis and blackberry flavours show excellent clarity, along with suggestions of anise and mocha. Gains sweetness with air, taking on floral pastille and vanilla qualities that carry through a long, clinging, lightly tannic finish.*

**Matthew Jukes :**

*Moss Wood 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon reviewed by MATTHEW JUKES – 100 BEST AUSTRALIAN WINES 2014/15 I have given the 2012 Moss Wood Amy's its own listing this year because it is such an extraordinary wine. Above this is the one and only Grand Vin – Moss Wood. Once again, there is a nose bleed score attached to this wine. The granite block of cassis flavour and sumptuous, grainy tannins are unparalleled and it seems churlish to talk about value but this is a small price to pay for this level of brilliance. I experienced tiny bursts of fruit minutes after I had tasted this wine as if my palate was replicating the experience in miniature in order to encourage me to reach for another sip. I have followed this estate for nearly three decades and the wines just get better and better. Margaret River is likely to be inundated with new customers in the next twelve months thanks, in no small part, to the wineries that have made these pages – they are playing a different game on a different field than many of their neighbours and whether they know it or not they are keeping the whole region alive.*

**Cameron Douglas: 4,5/5**

*Moss Wood Margaret River Moss Wood Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 – Review by Cameron Douglas Master Sommelier from [camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz](http://camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz) Lots of Berry fruits in the bouquet with blackberry leading the charge flanked by blueberry and blackcurrant, dark cherry makes a show; non-fruit aromas include sweet tobacco, bitter chocolate and a gentle herbaceous quality – it is all Cabernet, but with the added advantage of 3 years in bottle as well showing off the harmony that is in development: on the palate – dry and moderately rich, masculine and full of toasty oak centered black fruits with a touch of Marmite, brown sugar and brown spices. Overall a satisfying example with both drink now and age-worthy attributes; medium acidity, medium plus plus body; medium plus tannins, balanced, well made and with a longish finish. 4.5 Stars*

**Campbell Mattinson | Winefront:**

*2011 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon – Campbell Mattinson – The Wine Front The word from Moss Wood is that "the 2011 vintage at Moss Wood was extremely good, potentially great." The press information also states: "Stylistically, we tend to see 2011 as a slightly brighter, riper version of the 2010 vintage, in the same way that 1991 was compared to 1990. This being the case, we put the 2011 right at the top of our quality echelon. It comes down to a matter of style preference to differentiate this cluster of wines, at the very top of which sits the 2001. Is the new vintage a genuine challenger? The short answer is yes, especially for those who prefer wines where bright fruit characters are the dominant component." And so to the wine itself – It's ripe and syrupy, as is the Moss*

*Wood style, with blackcurrant and creamy, smoky vanilla notes the main game. There are undergrowthy/tobacco-like notes here too as well as mint, black olive and gravel. It sounds more complex than it is, though it all bodes well for the future; there's much for the hands of time to work with. It's a svelte, seamless, cuddly cabernet and that's both one of its strengths and potentially its weakness: it has intensity and breadth but it lacks presence and command. In short, it doesn't announce itself and you feel as though this style of wine needs to, even in its youth.*

**John Lewis | Newcastle Herald :**

*2011 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon – John Lewis – The Newcastle Herald Unlike most other Australia winegrowing regions and like the Hunter Valley, Margaret River had a great 2011 red wine vintage. That shines through in this beguiling 13.5 per cent alcohol blend of 91 per cent cabernet sauvignon, 6 per cent petit verdot and 3 per cent cabernet franc. The wine is deep purple and has berry pastille and herbal scents. Vibrant cassis flavour zings onto the front of the palate and maraschino cherry, dark chocolate, anise and minty fruit characters integrate with spicy oak on the middle palate. Persistent berry fruit and chalky tannin combine at the finish. Buy it in fine wine stores or on [mosswood.com.au](http://mosswood.com.au). DRINK WITH: pomegranate-glazed duckling with potato galette AGEING: 15 years*

**Chris Shanahan:**

*2011 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon – Chris Shanahan – The Canberra Times, Wine of the Week MOSS WOOD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2011 Moss Wood vineyard, Margaret River, Western Australia Moss Wood earned its wine of the week possie by a slim margin over Houghton Jack Mann Cabernet Sauvignon 2011, also reviewed today. These are great cabernets by any measure, both with proven cellaring potential and both, therefore, collectable as either special-occasion mementoes or simply as fabulous wines to enjoy decades from now. Moss Wood is the more floral and aromatic of the two, with deep, supple, ripe cabernet flavours welling up through the firm structural tannins. Its sweet, accessible fruit put it a nose ahead of Jack Mann in the first 24 hours after opening. But in the following days the wines proved equally impressive, albeit in distinctive styles.*

**Huan Hook: 95/100**

*2011 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon – Review by Huon Hooke Deep red colour with a purple tint. Quiet bouquet with lots of savoury oak-derived scents, with a little black olive and roast meat overtone. It's rich and fleshy, deep and full-bodied, with lashings of fleshy smooth tannins and high extract. This is a rich, savoury wine which has developed some secondary characters already, and displays excellent density, flesh, concentration as well as softness. Lots of tannins, but they're remarkably soft. It's a classic Moss Wood. A cabernet with great potential. Rated 95*

**Ron Georgiou:**

*2011 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon – review by Dr Ron Georgiou MW – The Wine Oracle I was duly impressed with the wine. As always, impeccably put together, wonderful fruit weight and terrific balance and oak integration. It has all the elements of a classic wine with future ageing.*

**Patrick Haddock: 95/100**

*2011 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon – review by Patrick Haddock – Wining Pom Elegance over power in 2011 and all the better for it. This shows varietal and regional traits with*

*equal aplomb. It oozes black currant and cocoa powder, some crushed olive and integrated, lacquered oak. It feels like a smooth Mercedes cruising down the autobahn leaving a lasting taste of black fruits and spice. Tannins are cuddly and comforting, acidity firm and the length of flavour is as long as aforementioned autobahn. Great drinking. 95 Points*

**John Saker | Cuisine Magazine : 18+ /20**

*2011 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon – review by John Saker – Cuisine Magazine NZ I much enjoyed tasting all the wines. You ask about the 2011 Moss Wood Cabernet, and I can say it was one of my favourites (I gave it five stars along with the 2011 Ribbon Vale Cab Merlot, 2012 Amy's and the 2013 Moss Wood Semillon. I loved the stretching lines and length of the 2011 cab, along with its flavour complexity – light berry fruit, tamarillo coming in late and an attractive grassy note.18+*

**Huan Hook | Sydney Morning Herald: 95/100**

*2011 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon reviewed by HUON HOOKE – Sydney Morning Herald, WINE GUIDE FOR THE CELLAR One of this region's premier producers, Moss Wood is on top form in 2011, with a rich, savoury, concentrated wine showing fleshy suppleness. Roasting-pan, black-olive and dark berry aromas. Lashings of smooth tannins; great potential. Now to 20 years. 13.5 per cent alcohol. 95/100 Food: aged reggiano cheese Stockist: Wine Culture, Roseville Chase*

**James Suckling : 96 /100**

*A bright, fragrant and aloof style of Cabernet sauvignon that has plenty of lively and vibrant fruit in the mix, behind cedary oak and a gentle layer of leaves and brick dust. The fruit is in the Wilyabrup spectrum of red berries and cassis. The palate has smooth, fabric-like tannins on offer with an evenly formed, graceful and slow-building ascent through to the finish. Very nicely framed up, well balanced and a gently fleshy release through the finish.*