



If you love a glass of red wine,  
you'll love The Big Red Wine Book!

Award winning wine critic Campbell Mattinson and wine publisher Gary Walsh share their knowledge on more than 1000 reds, across all prices and styles. They sift through the dogs, to find the beauties. Each wine has expert [and serious] tasting notes and ratings, but they do it all with a sense of fun. Mattinson and Walsh aren't just wine critics—they're red wine lovers too!

## 96 / 100—Clairault ESTATE Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

[Best Cabernet Sauvignon \$21-\$50]

Walsh got very excited over this wine. Cabernet is his 'thang', you see. He started mentioning French wines and regions, at which point Mattinson's la-di-da meter blurted out with the most alarming noise. This review was written by Walsh.

"Tops. Great Cabernet. Astounding length of flavour. Flavours of lead pencil, spice, dark cherries, cassis, earth, gumleaf and top-quality French oak. Savoury, gamey, tobacco accents too. Lots of smooth, fine-grained tannins. What a dark, savoury, persistent beauty this is. Drink 2012—2020."

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Clairault Estate is moving steadily into the use of biological farming techniques—a regime described by some as "biodynamics, minus the hocus-pocus." Whatever the biological farming is, it's great [soft footprint] way to treat your land.

"We fully understand that twenty six dollars is not cheap for a bottle of wine. But when you taste a wine like this—OK, after a couple of glasses maybe—the beauty and enjoyment of it quickly outshines whatever you paid for it. It tastes so enticingly of blackcurrant, lead pencil, earth, chocolate and a touch of mint. It has smooth, gently tannic palate that fans out and fills your mouth. And it has an earthy, dry finish. Gulp. It's beautiful. Drink 2010—2015."



**AUTHORS' CHOICES AWARD** — The wines they like to drink.