

2010 ARGENT Cabernet Sauvignon

**Bob Campbell- Master of Wine - 2014 Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine
95/100**

Elegant Cabernet Sauvignon with classic blackberry/cassis and cedar flavours. Silken- textured red with fine, soft tannins providing a gentle backbone. Supple wine with a surprisingly lengthy finish. Very approachable now but with cellaring potential.

**eRobert Parker - The Wine Advocate - 2014
Master of Wine - Lisa Perotti-Brown
91+/100**

Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2010 Argent Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of crushed blackcurrants, blackberries and ripe plums accented by nuances of cedar, mocha, dried Mediterranean herbs and pencil lead. Medium-bodied and packed with ripe blackberry and toasty oak flavors, it is well structured with a medium to firm level of grainy tannins and a good backbone of acid through the long finish with a pleasant, herbal lift. Drink it now to 2020+.

**Article - Independent Wine Monthly Dated - 2013
Master of Wine - Jane Skilton**

Julianne Brodgen spent 8 years working in the Napa Valley, which explains perhaps why she has such a deft hand with cabernet. Make no mistake; this is not some supercharged, full throttle example. Rather with only 13.5% alcohol, the 2010 Argent Cabernet Sauvignon \$40 sits very comfortably in the medium bodied category. The nose has graphite, pencil shavings and a touch of blackcurrant, the palate silky with ripe, low impact tannins. When first opened my only slight reservation was just a touch of vanilla oak right on the finish, but this became much less noticeable
An assured and exciting new label to watch.

**Buyers Guide to New Zealand Wines - 2013
Wine Writer - Michael Cooper**

4 STARS

The debut 2010 vintage (4*) was hand-harvested at 'select vineyard sites' in Hawke's Bay, blended with a small parcel of Merlot, matured for 20 months in French oak barrels (partly new), and bottled unfinned and unfiltered. Full and youthful in colour, with a fragrant, ripe, berryish bouquet, it is mouthfilling, sweet-fruited and savoury, with generous, plummy, spicy flavours, showing good complexity, fresh acidity and obvious potential. Best drinking 2014+. **4 STARS**

Raymond Chan – Wine Writer - 2013

18+/20 Argent' is "the colour of silver". Cabernet Sauvignon from gravelly vineyard sites blended with a small parcel of Merlot from heavier soil, fermented to 13.5% alc., the wine aged 20 months in new and seasoned French oak barrels. Very full, near impenetrable black-red with youthful purple hues. Concentrated, focussed, ripe blackberry and blackcurrant aromas are entwined with subtle plum notes, with pencil shavings and cedary oak elements adding detail. Medium-full bodied and elegantly proportioned, this has a concentrated core of sweetly ripe black berried fruits with liquorice, currant and herb nuances, along with spicy oak. The mouthfeel is textured with fine-grained tannins and the palate is carried somewhat by the acidity, leading to a long, lingering, spicy, black-plum finish. This is a ripe, black-fruited Cabernet Sauvignon with fine tannins and sweet oak. Match with roasted red meats or serve with hard cheeses over the next 7-9+ years.