Cloudburst Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

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Labour of deep love and a pint-sized vineyard planted on 'virgin soil' that was cleared from bush on a farm that's never technically farmed anything before. It gets manure from nice cows, home-made composts, teas, seaweed composts, hands-on work, and has never seen a chemical sprayed in it. It's close planted and verdant. Next, the price thing. It's just what Will Berliner from Cloudburst does. People buy the wine, they enjoy it, they pay the money. There's an utter joy in his work. He's a jubilant human, assured and happy in what he does. Good stuff. The clever crew at Woodlands help the wine get to bottle, though Berliner is now building his own winery – that is next level exciting. Stay tuned.

Violets to the fore, floral and fleeting, blueberry, faint black olive, bayleaf, mahogany bass note, suggestion of eucalyptus and then the sweet spices and anise. Exotic, sweet perfume, but not overt sweetness, just so. In the palate, fine, glossy, transparent, and yet has some concentrated fruit flavour amongst it – it frolics between flavour and texture, at once a silken sheet and web of light cedary tannin, then flavour of dark grape and a flourish of spice. It sets the palate alive. It's so lovely to drink.

Rated: 94 Points Tasted: APR16 Alcohol: 13.4% Price: \$275

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