

2005 PENLEY ESTATE SPECIAL SELECT SHIRAZ

Review Summary



94 pts “Great colour; a very oaky bouquet, but an abundance of ripe, dark fruits and even a little fruitcake spice; full-bodied and tannic, and should age gracefully..”

James Halliday
2009 Wine Companion

94 pts “This is a big, ripe, warm hearted wine loaded up with smooth, coconutty oak and rich, plummy flavours. Its not a complex wine but it is a concentrated one, the marriage of oak and seamless, soft and dare it say it – luxurious. Super fine tannins give the super rich fruit flavour a containing framework, with a light peppery edge to the aftertaste suggests the greater complexity will develop with age.”

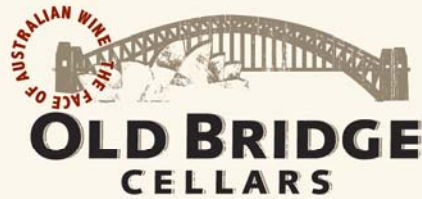
Campbell Mattinson
Winefront Monthly
September 2008

94 pts “Completely convincing, this is a very big wine, weighing in at a stated 15% alcohol. It is absolutely packed with deep, concentrated flavors of blackberries, black currants, and bing cherries, along with a firm lashing of oak that accentuates the spicy character of the fruit and provides some wood tannin to help structure the finish. Big but not just big, it shows enough acidity to seem pure and even fresh despite its ripeness, and the symmetry of fruit, acidity, sweetness, spice, tannin, and savory notes makes the wine interesting and appealing sip after sip.”

Michael Franz
Wine Review Online
October 19, 2010

91 pts “Deep ruby. Initially subdued nose quickly opened to show ripe cherry and blackberry, with licorice and dark chocolate notes adding interest. Rich cherry and plum compote flavors stain the palate and are gently framed by supple tannins, which melt into the pliant dark berry preserves on the sweet, persistent finish. Give this some decanter time. “

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
Sept/Oct 2008



91 pts “Bright, aromatic, expressive and compelling, starting off with juicy blackberry and blueberry aromas and flavors, then folding in bits of black olive, pepper and tar as the finish lingers. Drink now through 2014. 50 cases imported.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator, Great Australian Reds
October 15, 2008

90 pts “The opaque purple 2005 Shiraz Special Select is made in an elegant style. The nose delivers smoke, pepper, leather, and blueberry leading to a silky textured Shiraz with attractive spicy flavors but which could use a bit more depth.”

Robert Parker
eRobertParker.com
February 2009

90 pts “This is a rich, ripe style of Coonawarra Shiraz, amply framed by toasty, cedary oak. The tannins are supple to the point of creaminess, the slightly stewed fruits graced with just a hint of mint. Best from 2010–2015, maybe a few years more.”

Wine Enthusiast
August 2009

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