



2006 BALGOWNIE ESTATE SHIRAZ

Review Summary



90 pts “Dark-fruited, meaty and savory, this firm, palate-staining shiraz delivers deep, minty layers of blackberry, cassis, dark plum and mineral elements tightly knit with excellent, fine-grained chocolate-vanilla oak and supported by drying, powdery tannins. It’s long, complete and surprisingly stylish, finishing with lingering, savory, meaty and iodide-like influences. Despite the season’s heat, a particular and regional Bendigo Shiraz.”

Jeremy Oliver
2009 Australian Wine Annual

92 pts “Opaque ruby. Pungent red and dark berries on the nose, with a suave floral quality adding vivacity. Spicy raspberry and cherry flavors become sweeter with air and supple tannins gather strength on the back end. Maintains focus and energy through a long, juicy finish. This is an outstanding value.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
Jul/Aug 2008

91 pts “Effortless savory fruit, medium bodied, refined red, complex red spiced fruit and savory, the nutmeg-like oak is balanced to the fruit profile and the finish tannic and long requiring time to settle.”

Rob Geddes
2010 Gold Wine Book

91 pts “The purple-colored 2006 Shiraz contains 2% Viognier. Fragrant and expressive it offers up a nose of scorched earth, mineral, blueberry, and blackberry. Ripe and smooth textured, it has excellent depth and length.”

Robert Parker
eRobertParker.com
February 2009



89 pts “A blend of 98% Shiraz and 2% Viognier that was matured for 16 months in both new and older French oak barrels, the 2006 Balgownie Estate Shiraz sports a slightly cooler climate profile with mint and eucalyptus-laced aromatics of brambly dark fruits, chocolate, and touches of pepper on the nose. Medium+ bodied and very polished on the palate, with silky tannin, clean fruit, and a superb finish, this is very well done wine that should continue to drink well for another 6-8 years. While slightly dominated by mint and bay leaf on the nose, this holds it together with solid complexity, an outstanding palate, and an overall delicious, drinkable character.”

Jeb Dunnuck
The Rhone Report
June 2011

89 pts “Bright and lively, with a distinct eucalyptus character breezing through the berry and spice flavors. Balanced toward refinement, not power.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
October 15, 2008

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2009 Coonawarra Wine Show