

2006 KILIKANNOON COVENANT SHIRAZ

Review Summary



92 pts “Opaque purple-plum color. Enticing aromas of menthol, dark chocolate, Christmas spiced plums, and blackberry fruit. Bright blueberry fruit emerges in the mouth, picking up notes of vanilla and chocolate. The finish is smooth. Despite 15% alcohol, there is no sign of heat.”

Glen Frederiksen
Wine Lines Online
July 2011

92 pts “The 2006 Covenant Shiraz, drawn from Kilikanoon’s base in the Clare Valley, adds some savory, herbal notes vaguely reminiscent of rhubarb to a lush, creamy base built on blueberry-blackberry fruit and hints of licorice and espresso. Concentrated and long on the finish, gradually turning from creamy to slightly dusty in texture.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
February 2010

92 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “Bright color; the oak sits apart from the fruit at this point, but there is polished blueberry and spice on the bouquet; ample levels of sweet fruit, the finish is dry and very firm.”

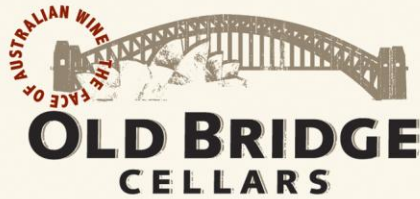
James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2010

92 pts “A strong and bold statement of the Clare Valley shiraz style with a powerfully rich nose of dark berry fruits, an overlay of spicy oak and gentle regional gum leaf. The palate’s smoothly laid out, really rich and swarthy with good solid plum and berry fruit flavor, gentle oak, fine tannins and long, gutsy finish.”

Nick Stock
The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2010

92 pts “This firm red shows fascinating cola and coffee overtones to its cherry and raspberry flavors, picking up a mineral note as the finish rolls on and on. Offers depth and transparency. “

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
September 30, 2009



92 pts “The 2006 Covenant Shiraz was aged in French and American oak, 30% new. Five percent Viognier was co-fermented with the Shiraz. Saturated purple in color, it exhibits an alluring bouquet of pain grille, violets, truffle, espresso, and blueberry. Intense and rich on the palate, this layered, nearly opulent Shiraz has gobs of spicy, savory blue fruits, excellent concentration, and several years of aging potential.”

Jay Miller
Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate
October 2007, Issue 173

91 pts “Inky ruby. Highly expressive aromas of blackberry, Indian spices, dried flowers and exotic apricot pit. Sweet, fresh and broad on the palate, offering vivid red and dark berry flavors, supple texture and mounting minerality. The apricot note repeats on the long, juicy, pure finish. This is delicious right now.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2009

91 pts “You could fault this wine for being too gushy and overt in its soft sweet fruitiness, but odds are that you couldn’t maintain this critical posture for long, and would end up being won over by the seemingly irresistible appeal of the fruit. There’s a little spiciness around the edges to accent the fruit, which recalls ripe raspberries above all. Full-bodied but quite soft in texture, this can stand up to grilled steak, but the ripe, soft tannins will also let it work with grilled white meats like pork or veal.”

Michael Franz
Wine Review Online
Jun 30, 2009

Double Gold

2009 San Francisco International Wine Competition

TOP 10 WINE

2009 Adelaide Review Annual HOT 100

TOP 50

VISY 2008 Great Australian Shiraz Challenge