



2007 PLANTAGENET SHIRAZ

Review Summary



96 pts “Warm savory spicy aromas create a compelling complex bouquet. Beautiful savory and ever so slightly earthy palate with ripe tannins, perfectly worked oak and sumptuous fruit. Great cellaring potential.”

Ray Jordan
The West Australian
October 10, 2009

94 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “A ripe and savory bouquet with redcurrant and blackberry, framed by mineral complexity and a little roasted meat; the palate is quite chewy in texture, but has a litheness to the fruit that draws out the very long, and quite juicy conclusion.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2010

91 pts “Opaque purple in color. A delightful nose of Christmas spices, tobacco, mint, and eucalyptus frames the ample blackberry syrup fruit. Racy and full in the mouth, the palate-coating blackberry syrup flavors continue to echo on the thick, chocolatey finish.”

Glen Frederiksen
Wine Lines Online
July 2011

91 pts – Editors’ Choice “With its expressive notes of espresso and black olive, this Shiraz is on the savory side, but it still carries enough plummy fruit to provide balance. It’s mouth filling and generous, while a bit of tartness on the finish serves to highlight the coffee and earth flavors.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
February 2010

91 pts “Vivid ruby. Intensely perfumed aromas of blueberry and blackberry preserves, smoky minerals and incense, with a strong floral undertone. Large-scaled, sweet and penetrating; becomes more red-fruity with air, picking up a sexy raspberry quality and a note of candied flowers. This silky-smooth yet vibrant wine finishes with excellent lift and precision. Quite seductive and delicious right now.”

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



91 pts “Plantagenet: perhaps the most mis-spelt name in Australian wine after Tyrrell’s? Slightly jammy blackberry, some apricot, a whiff of pepper and meat/truffle - and there you just about have it. It’s full bodied with a slippery glycerol mouthfeel, fine grained tannin, savory/sweet flavors and good length. It’s a bit too jammy for the big points, although there’s no doubt it’s a very good wine. I’m guessing (from experience of drinking at least 15 vintages on release) that this will be best as a young wine. For my tastes, the Cabernet is the pick this vintage.”

Gary Walsh
The Wine Front
December 24, 2009

90 pts “Sourced from the Wyjup and Bouvray vineyards in the Great Southern region, and matured for 18 months in 40% new French oak, the 2007 Plantagenet Shiraz is outstanding, delivering beautiful aromatics of meaty black fruits, black olive, dark chocolate, and minerality on the nose. This is followed by a medium+ bodied wine that has great fruit, a full, concentrated mid-palate, and a good, focused finish. Certainly leaning towards the meatier, complex side of the spectrum, this should drink well for a decade.”

Jeb Dunnuck
The Rhone Report
June 2011

90 pts “Distinctly spicy, with black pepper mingling with ripe blackberry and currant flavors, lingering on the lively finish and showing a fleshy texture.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
October 15, 2009

89 pts “The nose displays white pepper, violets, blueberry, and blackberry. This leads to a full-bodied wine with ample ripe fruit, good balance, and 2-3 years of aging potential.”

Jay Miller
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
December 2009, Issue #186

87 pts “Blunt and grapey at first, this wine takes time to move past its initial reduction, yielding sweet licorice and raspberry flavors out of the darkness of its tannin. Those tannins are chewy and thick, needing bottle age to meld with the fruit.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2009

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“A Shiraz scent for lovers of Syrah: brushed earth, Havana leaf, tangerine peel, all very limpidly expressed. The palate is deep, full, lively, textured: a mixture of raspberry and underbrush with some of that tangerine perfume lingering into the finish. Tony Smith and winemaker John Durham were kind enough to treat me to a long-range vertical tasting, and the 1978 Plantagenet Shiraz, made by Rob Bowen, was in better shape than the 1978 Chave Hermitage I drank on millennium night. So there’s history here...”

Andrew Jefford
www.andrewjefford.com
August 9, 2009

★★★★ “A dusty, coffee bean nose and a mocha and plum fruit palate characterize this really beautiful effort from Plantagenet. Medium-weight, aromatic and very long, this is a wine with a fabulous future. It offers a very different flavor profile to the Shirazes of South Australia and Victoria.”

Matthew Jukes
Decanter (AU)
February 2011