



## 2009 BROKENWOOD GRAVEYARD SHIRAZ

### Review Summary

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**96 pts** “Excellent crimson-purple; has a fragrant plum and cherry bouquet, then an intense and very long palate moving into a savory black fruit spectrum; exemplary tannin and French oak management underpins the line and balance of a wine destined to outlive many who taste it.”

**James Halliday**  
**Australian Wine Companion 2012**

**95 pts** “A top vintage for Graveyard: rich, spicy aromas augmented by notes of roasted meat and smoky oak, all combining in a complex bouquet. It’s fleshy and concentrated in the mouth, which noticeable acidity.”

**Bob Campbell, Gourmet Traveller – Wine**  
**October 1, 2011**

**95 pts** “This is a wine that is focused and long with an extremely intense blackpepper and spice character. Dense and long. So much going on. Wild yet reserved. Give it four years of bottle age before drinking. Will age for much much longer.”

**James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com**  
**October 20, 2011**

**94+ pts** “Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2009 Graveyard Shiraz offers pronounced notes of warm black cherries, mulberries, menthol, aniseed, crispy pork skin and cloves. Medium-bodied, it has wonderful concentration of berry and spice flavors, crisp, seamless acid, medium-firm grainy tannins and a long finish with lingering notes of anise and menthol. Drink this one 2014 to 2024.”

**Lisa Perotti-Brown, erobertparker.com**  
**Issue #194 May, 2011**

**94 pts** “Inky purple. Expressive aromas of raspberry and boysenberry, smoked meat, anise and cola. Densely packed but energetic and sappy, with a silky texture to the flavors of candied red berries, floral pastille and licorice. Deep and youthfully taut, but a lively mineral quality adds vivacity and precision to the long, spicy finish. Seriously structured but surprisingly lithe wine that is poised for a long evolution in bottle.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar**  
**July/August 2011**



**91 pts - Year's Best Australian Shiraz** "This is a brawny Hunter Shiraz. The fruit is still primary at the moment – purple and grapey – while the tannins emphasize savory minerality. Juicy, foresty and fragrant, this is destined for the cellar."

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits  
October 2011**

"Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz is one of Australia's most sought after wines for its ability to age gracefully. The '09 has the hallmarks of great Hunter Valley Shiraz with vibrant, fresh red and dark fruits, with earthy undertones, some sweet spice and vanillin oak notes. It has amazing fine yet slightly grainy tannins and is medium-bodied with a persistent long finish. It's astonishingly beautiful now, but imagine what it'll be like in another 20 years—if you can wait."

**Jane Faulkner's The Sydney Morning Herald  
June 2011**