



## 2012 JASPER HILL EMILY'S PADDOCK SHIRAZ



### Review Summary

**96 pts** “Bright crimson-purple; the wine has an exceptional spicy fragrance that permeates both its bouquet and palate, underlining its innate elegance; the blackberry, black cherry and licorice fruit flavors are precisely balanced by fine-grained, persistent tannins and oak on the long palate.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion**  
2015

**93 pts** “Ron Laughton planted this 7.3-acre vineyard in 1975; he’s never used synthetic chemicals and started developing biodynamic compost for the vines in the 1990’s. If that farming has any impact on the expression of the wine in a blind tasting, it might be in a description like this: “Bright and juicy, with herbal edges and cool spice that keeps drawing you down to the earth.” Or this: “An elegant and sleek juice of the earth.” That raw footage from my tasting notes leaves off some of the comments on resinous scents of tobacco and the freshness of cool-climate syrah. Like the best vintages of Laughton’s wines, this should age with grace.”

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits**  
October 2014

**92 pts** “Inky purple. Smoke- and black pepper-accented dark berry and floral aromas are lifted by a bright mineral quality and pick up a hint of licorice with air. Offers palate-numbing cassis and bitter cherry flavors and a touch of violet pastille, with tangy acidity adding bite. No easy sweetness of fruit here. Closes firm and long, with very good focus and silky, even tannins coming on late.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar**  
July/August 2014

**91 pts** “Lithe, savory and full of personality, this is a distinctive red, offering floral and baby powder overtones around a sleek core of black cherry fruit and subtle tar hints. Intense and elegant, finishing with harmony.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator**  
August 2014