



2005 KILIKANOON COVENANT SHIRAZ

Review Summary



94 pts “Rich and luscious, as much Barossa in style as Clare Valley, the fruit flavours almost juicy; controlled oak and fine tannins.”

James Halliday
2009 Wine Companion

92 pts “The 2005 Shiraz Covenant is deep garnet and brick in color and opens with savory aromas of meat, spice and dried plums followed by a touch of menthol. It is quite gamey and meaty on the palate with a good primary core of fruit that is evolving nicely in the mouth. This big and full-bodied wine is overall harmonious with crisp acid and medium levels of velvety tannins balancing a long and voluptuous finish.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
The Wine Advocate
February 2013

92 pts “Has impressive concentration without getting heavy or dense, offering sleek cherry, blackberry, berry leaf and mineral flavors that keep swirling through the long, focused finish. The tannins are well-submerged.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator, Great Australian Reds
October 15, 2008

92 pts TOP 100 WINES OF 2009 “Like all of winemaker Kevin Mitchell’s Shirazes, this is full-bodied and lushly textured. The point of difference here is the fruit character, which leans toward black olives and espresso, with just enough stewed fruit to provide cushioning. Finishes long and velvety, hinting at vanilla.”

Wine Enthusiast
August 2009



92 pts “The 2005 Shiraz “Covenant” from the Clare Valley was aged for 22 months in French and American oak hogsheads, 30% new, and bottled unfined and unfiltered. It exhibits cooler climate hints of mint and menthol, as well as mineral, pencil lead, blueberry, and blackberry liqueur. Elegantly styled, with excellent depth and concentration, it will evolve for 3-4 years, and drink well through 2020.”

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

92 pts “Ruby-red. Intensely perfumed, energetic scents of red and dark berries, cherry-vanilla and minerals, complicated by incense and floral oils. Vibrant and sharply focused, with lively raspberry and blackcurrant flavors, silky tannins and a late note of candied licorice. Refreshingly juicy on the finish, with the cassis and floral qualities repeating. This is impressively lively for a wine with such flavor impact.”

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

90 pts “Intensely concentrated from the initial scent right through the tarry finish, this is made in a hyper-ripe style with some volatility to spice up the blueberry, black cherry and chocolate flavors. It finishes warm, with a little bitterness in the complex tannin. For wintry braised meats.”

Wine & Spirits – ‘Australia’s Best’
February 2009

Top 100 Wines, Blue Gold Medal

Sydney International Wine Competition 2009