



2008 PLANTAGENET SHIRAZ

Review Summary



94 pts “Medium red-purple; an elegant, light- to medium-bodied wine with fragrant red and black cherry fruit laced with spice and some fine, savory tannins on the finish; has line, length and balance.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2012**

93 pts

**Nick Stock, Good Wine Guide
2012**

91 pts “Coming from the Southern region of Western Australia and gravely loam soils, the 2008 Plantagenet Shiraz Mount Barker has a cooler climate feel with excellent dark berry fruits, pepper, earthy underbrush, and spice qualities dominating the nose. Smoked meat and game develop in the glass and the complexity here is rock solid. On the palate, the wine is finesse driven and elegant, showing integrated, juicy acidity, beautiful purity of fruit, and a clean finish. Outstanding stuff and I love the freshness and focus on the palate. Enjoy this beauty over the coming decade.”

**Jeb Dunnuck, The Rhone Report
March 2012**

91 pts – Editor’s Choice “All three of Plantagenet’s Shirazes were successful in 2008. This, the flagship bottling, offers aromas of coffee grounds, cherry and cracked black pepper, adding vanilla, spice and charred beef flavors on the palate. It’s harmonious, savory and complex.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast’s WineMag.com
February 1, 2013**

91 pts “Opaque ruby. Intensely perfumed bouquet of black raspberry, cherry-cola, olive and smoky Indian spices. The palate shows lively raspberry, boysenberry and floral character and a late note of cracked pepper. Juicy, deeply fruity, seductive wine with very good finishing bite and sweet, sappy persistence.”

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



90 pts – Very Good+ “This wine might fool you at first. It is opaque and very dark purple colored. It opens with a very musty oak and not so attractive bouquet with some cherry notes in the background. Now here is where it gets real interesting. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced, and very easy to drink. The flavor profile is a very tasty mild boysenberry with hints of red cherry. I also detected a touch of pomegranate and dash of pepper. The finish is dry and its fine oak tannins are pleasant and friendly. I would pair this wine with grilled salmon.”

**Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com
April 1, 2012**

90 pts “Deep garnet-black colored, the 2008 Shiraz has moderate to intense notes of warm blackberries, mulberries and black pepper over aniseed, damp loam and smoky bacon. Full bodied with a medium level of rounded tannins, good backbone of refreshing acid and plenty of peppery fruit, the finish is long.”

**Lisa Perotti-Brown, [eRobertParker](http://eRobertParker.com) - Issue #196
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