



2010 KILIKANOON COVENANT SHIRAZ

Review Summary



92 pts “Inky purple. Deeply pitched, smoke-accented black and blue fruits and spicecake on the nose and in the mouth. Fleshy and broad, with impressive power and surprising vivacity and back-end lift. Closes supple and very long, with supple tannins and resonating spiciness. I find this big, extroverted shiraz to be quite appealing now but it's clearly built to age.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2013

91+ pts “Deep garnet-purple, the 2010 Shiraz Covenant displays ripe black cherries, blackberries and blueberries with some cloves, mint and anise. Tightly knit and elegant, it is medium to full-bodied with a medium level of rounded tannins, a vibrant acid line that lingers through the long finish.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate
February 2013

90 pts – Very Good+ “This pitch black colored Syrah from the Clare Valley opens with a heavenly blueberry bouquet with hints of blackberry and earth. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, slightly acidic, assertive, and juicy. The flavor profile is a mild mineral infused ripe black raspberry with notes of blackberry. We also detected hints of anise, oak and coffee. The finish is dry and its flavors and moderate tannins linger for a bit. The panel suggested pairing this tasty Shiraz with marinated steak tips or Osso Buco.”

Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com
January 22, 2014

90 pts “Deep color, and brooding in character with roasted meats, black fruits, tar and thyme on display; the palate is full-blooded, firm and whilst fresh, is a little tannic. For the big red lover.”

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2014

90 pts “Smooth and inviting, offering blackberry, black cherry, paprika and crème fraîche notes that mingle effortlessly on the refined, persistent finish.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Insider
August 28, 2013



“This 2010 Covenant Shiraz is definitely more than the sum of its parts - and superbly represents the Clare Valley’s unique elevated terroir and the wines unique varietal signature. In the Clare Valley the 2010 vintage was a classic, and ideal for Shiraz, with the growing season characterized by very warm days and cool nights, allowing ripening to occur thoroughly and evenly throughout the canopy and harvesting occurred with the fruit at optimum flavor and tannin development. In the glass you have a deep red color with a crimson hue. On the nose this rich, expressive Shiraz is showing an impressive bouquet of dark cherries, cloves and sweet black olives. On the palate those dark cherries come to the fore, along with a multitude of dried spices, all beautifully wrapped up in fine French oak notes and dry well integrated fruit and oak tannins. Crafted in a full texturally style, while possessing a balanced finesse, with a lingering persistence of ripe berry flavors and subtle pepper notes on the finish. A Shiraz that will redefine your understanding of this varietal.”

Gavin Hubble, WineGuy.co.NZ
July 27, 2014

