



2009 KILIKANNOON ATTUNGA 1865 SHIRAZ

Review Summary



96 pts “Very deep garnet-purple colored, the 2009 Attunga Shiraz is a little reduced to begin, giving way to restrained notes of cassis cordial and blackberry preserves over hints of yeast extract, tar, licorice and prunes. Full bodied and with taut, muscular fruit, it has a good line of crisp, refreshing acid and a firm level of finely grained tannins, finishing long and pure. Still youthfully backward, it should drink best 2014 to 2024+.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, eRobertparker.com
February 2012

95 pts “As the name suggests, the vines were planted in 1865, very early in the history of the Clare Valley; the crimson-purple color is excellent, and the wine cries out for 20 years in bottle, for while the fruit is intense, there is a ghetto blast of oak.”

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2013

95 pts “Smoky, ripe, rich and seamless in the way it plays its cherry, currant, plum and toasty, spicy overtones together, rolling smoothly into the long, expressive finish.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Insider
February 22, 2012

93 pts “Looking back at my notes, I may have underrated this one a bit, as they’re filled with classic descriptors: cedar, toast, vanilla, cassis and mint are among the aromas and flavors. It’s full bodied and expansive on the palate, with a long, mouthwatering finish.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
October 2014

93 pts “Inky purple. Explosive, oak-spiced aromas of blueberry, boysenberry and licorice, with strong notes of vanilla and cola. Lush, expansive and weighty, offering intense black and blue fruit compote flavors and sweet vanilla and clove accents. In an exotic style but not at all over the top, to me. This is carrying 14.5% alcohol, while many Aussie shirazes with a similar flavor profile cruise past 16%; in fact, this wine is quite lively. Finishes sweet and long, with striking energy and spiciness. These vines were planted, as the label notes, in 1865. ”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2012



90 pts "Packed with the chocolate richness of new oak, scented with eucalyptus and cherry flavor, this is sweet, soft and supple, the concentrated fruit of ancient vines."

Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits
October 2013

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