

## 2009 KILIKANOON ORACLE SHIRAZ

### Review Summary



**96 pts** “Deep crimson-purple; estate-grown, and spent 24 months in French and American oak, oak which has left a significant impression; more likely than not time will bring balance, and the wine has an appealing texture, full-bodied though it may be.”

**James Halliday**  
**Australian Wine Companion**  
**2013**

**93 pts/Very Good+** “This pitch black colored Shiraz opens with an inviting boysenberry and blueberry bouquet with a hint of peppermint in the background. On the palate, this wine is full bodied, balanced and delicious. Those delicious flavors are a blend of black currant and mild blackberry with nicely integrated notes of minerality. I also detected some blueberry and a touch of old oak as well. The finish is dry and its attractive fruit flavors and mineral streak drift away slowly after the wine is gone. This Shiraz is very food friendly and would pair perfectly with a New York strip steak with red beets and garlic mashed potatoes.”

**Ken Hoggins**  
**KensWineGuide.com**  
**February 11, 2013**

**93+ pts** “Very deep garnet-purple colored, the 2009 Oracle Shiraz gives complex notes of creme de cassis, coffee, grilled duck skin and soy over mace, licorice and tree bark. Full bodied and packed with flavor, it offers a solid backbone of crisp acid and firm, rounded tannins in the mouth, going long and spicy in the finish. Though approachable now, it should drink best 2013 to 2020+.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown**  
**eRobertParker.com**  
**February 2012**

**93 pts** “This is fascinating with dark chocolate and spice character. Violet pepper. Full body, with velvety tannins and a juicy finish. Northern Rhone-ish with Aussie panache. Drink now or hold.”

**James Suckling**  
**JamesSuckling.com**  
**November 2011**



**92 pts – Cellar Selection** “One of the more backwards 2009 Shirazes in these tastings, the Oracle only stubbornly gives up hints of mint, tar and blackberry. It’s full-bodied yet quite drying and austere on the palate, where flavors of mocha, plum, blackberry and cedar dominate. Long and thickly textured on the finish, which bodes well for the cellar.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
Wine Enthusiast  
October 2014

**92 pts** “Inky purple. Intensely perfumed bouquet of spicy dark berries, cherry-vanilla and cracked pepper. Pliant blackberry and bitter cherry flavors display impressive depth, creaminess and alluring sweetness, with zesty spiciness adding vivacity. Finishes with excellent lift and breadth, leaving black pepper and candied licorice notes behind.”

**Josh Raynolds**  
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar  
July/August 2012

**91 pts** “Fresh and vibrant, this is juicy with dark berry and black pepper flavors that sail over refined tannins and linger on the open-textured finish. This has intensity, but wields it gently. Drink now through 2019.”

**Harvey Steiman**  
Wine Spectator Insider  
August 2, 2012

**90 pts** “Super concentrated from its purple-black color to the opaque red-apple skin and brisk mineral flavors, this is packed with sweet, high-toned spice. It’s a brash young Shiraz, a match for braised beef cheeks or other rich cuts of meat.”

**Joshua Greene**  
Wine & Spirits Magazine  
February 2013