2011 MEA CULPA SHIRAZ

Review Summary

94 pts “Light to medium red-purple; the grapes come from the low yielding 30-year-old Tarraford Vineyard, which explains the very good color; whole bunches in open fermenters have produced a spicy edge to the flavors, but no stalky green characters, instead, the medium-bodied palate has a more complex flavor profile than usual in ’11, the finish long and satisfying.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2014

94 pts “Smoky cherried flavor, lots of pepper, wilted violets and earth. Fragrant and haunting, savory and refreshing. Granite-like minerality is evident in a truly fine, ripe set of textured tannins. Echoes long on a sour black, pippy cherry finish. All class. Didn’t falter over two days of tasting. Would love to see it again in five to ten years.”

Jeremy Pringle
WineWillEatItself.com
July 10, 2013

91 pts “Bright purple. Spicy and exotically perfumed, displaying intense cassis and fresh violet aromas complicated by a peaty, smoky quality. Sappy yet firm on the palate, with intense flavors of bitter cherry, dark berries, cured meat and espresso. The smoky, peaty note lingers on the taut, sharply focused finish, showing just a hint of dusty tannins.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
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