

2012 PLANTAGENET SHIRAZ



Review Summary

95 pts "Composed, well-tailored wine. Complex nose of autumn leaves, tar, sweet blackberry and smoky oak. Blends savory, spicy, leafy elements with powerful, dark-berried fruits confidently and well. Has a seamlessness to it. Has a reach of fine, rippling tannin working positively throughout. Difficult to fault."

James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2015

91 pts "Deep garnet-purple colored and scented of blueberry and plum preserves with an undercurrent of baking spices, cloves, black pepper and violets, the full-bodied 2012 Shiraz packs in the black fruit and baking spice flavors on the palate together with a solid foundation of medium to firm, rounded tannins and crisp acid. It finishes long with a peppery lift."

Lisa Perrotti-Brown Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate August 2014

91 pts "Deep ruby. Smoke-accented aromas of black raspberry and violet, with a hint of licorice emerging with aeration. Juicy red and dark berry flavors gain sweetness and flesh with air. Packs a solid punch of flavor but comes off as quite lithe, finishing with strong cut, very good length and smooth, harmonious tannins that provide grip. This wine was aged in one-third new oak but it barely shows."

Josh Raynolds Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar July/August 2014

88 pts "Polished and expressive, with sweet leather and oatmeal nuances to the cherry and raspberry flavors, finishing with refinement."

Harvey Steiman Wine Spectator.com 2015

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88 pts "The fruit flavors head toward blueberry and strawberry jam, while this wine's tannins have a black olive and eucalyptus character. Those tannins are hard-edged and tough, but flavorful, needing grilled lamb to show their best."

Joshua Greene Wine & Spirits October 2014

"Quite a voluptuous style for Plantagenet with attractive, fleshy mulberry and blackberry fruit with characteristic white pepper spice. Open-knit, supple and already drinking well with fine-grained tannins, it finishes long and generous."

Angus Hughson The Australian December 6, 2013