



Wine Enthusiast

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95 pts/CELLAR SELECTION Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Shiraz 2012

When the alcohol levels are reined in to appropriate levels, this can be one of Australia's top Shiraz. The 2012 is a stunning example of balance and finesse, combining youthful scents of cassis and toasty oak with floral elements. There's ample weight and texture yet silky elegance at the same time, while already complex notes of orange pekoe and black currant are sure to gain even more with five or 10 years of cellaring. Drink 2020–2030.

93 pts/EDITORS' CHOICE John Duval Entity Shiraz 2012

This is another top-flight example of how good the 2012 vintage was for South Australian Shiraz. The oak here is so subtle as to not factor into the wine's scents of raspberry and cracked pepper. Hints of spice and vanilla mark the palate, gently accenting red berry fruit before ending in a flood of silky tannins. Drink now–2030.

91 pts Yeringberg Shiraz 2012

Moderate alcohol leaves the palate feeling refreshed sip after sip, while the flavors remain concentrated enough to please and last. This wine brings elements of cracked green peppercorns, tart cherries and wood ash, while the finish picks up notes of chocolate and displays a silky, tea-like texture. Drink now–2025.

90 pts John Duval Plexus Shiraz Grenache Mourvedre 2012

Like all the Duval wines, this is amply structured. Cedar and vanilla notes frame dark fruit flavors in this blend of 51% Shiraz, 30% Grenache and 19% Mourvèdre. Its full bodied, with a long, dusty finish. Drink now–2022.