



## 2014 MEA CULPA SYRAH

### Review Summary

*Mea Culpa*

**94 pts/100 BEST WINES OF THE YEAR** “Phil Sexton and Steve Flamsteed produced this wine from a clone of unknown origin, what they call Red Dog 67, growing at their Tarraford Vineyard. It’s fermented as whole clusters in large oak vats, then aged in oak of varied sizes. And it’s consistently been one of the most compelling syrahs coming out of Australia. Yes, I’m in love with the cracked peppercorn scent of this wine and the raspy red-berry flavors. And I’m fascinated by the way the alcohol comes through as a structural element, completely integrated with the oak and grape-skin tannins. Still youthful, this needs time to settle and evolve, but it has the harmony and charm to provide satisfaction if you open it along the way.”

**Joshua Greene**  
Wine & Spirits Magazine  
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**93 pts** “Sourced from the Tarraford Vineyard this is a floral, aromatic wine. Notes of green peppercorns and pipe tobacco ease into raspberry fruit, made more complex through whole-bunch fermentation. The wine’s silky texture is an added treat. This has the potential to be really interesting as it evolves through at least 2025.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
Wine Enthusiast  
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