



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.”

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.”

James Suckling
JamesSuckling.com
November 2011



92 pts “This is a riper style that has still managed to retain an almost essence-like blackberry fruit core on the palate. The smooth tannins delve into a territory of plum cake. Layered and dense.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
August 15, 2018

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 Reynolds
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.”

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