

2016 INNOCENT BYSTANDER SYRAH

Review Summary



94 pts “The color and name makes it clear this isn’t a full-bodied shiraz, but its distinctly fragrant and spicy red and black cherry fruits speak clearly of the cool climate of the Yarra Valley. The syrah name is appropriate, the juicy mouthfeel a major plus.”

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
May 1, 2018

92 pts/BEST BUY “Beautifully fragrant, harmonious in its notes of green pepper- corn, green olive and chorizo, this is a meaty syrah with cranberry and porcini flavors. It offers a bright and brisk line of fruit an earthy pleasure, not full, but complete.”

Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2019

92 pts “An attractive nose of brambles, blackberries, some cassis and dark chocolate. Full body, chewy tannins and a spicy finish.”

Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com
August 15, 2018

90 pts “A more savory, earthy and full-bodied style than the 2015, this cool climate Syrah offers ripe, brambly berries alongside bay leaf, black-pepper, damp earth and raw meat components. Those juicy berry and earthy characteristics show on the palate as well, but they’re wrapped in savory, dusty tannins. Slightly bitter oak peeks through on the finish.”

Christina Pickard, Wine Enthusiast
August 2018

88 pts “Firm black licorice and blackberry flavors are balanced by an appealing grip of tannins, with plenty of focus on the finish and a note of fresh sage.”

MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator
June 15, 2018