



## 2008 STICKYBEAK SYRAH

### Review Summary



**91 pts** “This dark violet Napa County Syrah from Stickybeak is a real palate pleaser. Right after you remove the top you get a very fragrant wine with blackberry, plum, black pepper and a little bit of violet. This is a very creamy and smooth wine with micro tannins that provide the right amount of linger against flavors of dark chocolate, espresso, blackberry and very ripe gooseberry. This is not a sugary sweet bomb but a more refined and classy tasting Syrah. Great stuff here!”

**Jeff Lawson, [www.midwestwineguy.com](http://www.midwestwineguy.com) Blog  
March 17, 2011**

**90 pts** “It’s not often you see a red wine carrying a Napa County appellation, but this textured, fruity Syrah doesn’t disappoint. Aged for 18 months in French oak, it shows a deep purple-ruby color, slightly closed nose with herbal, mocha and boysenberry accents, good texture, toasted American oak, nicely integrated tannins, 14.8% alcohol and a bright finish with good fruit and no heat.”

**Gerald D. Boyd, Wine Review Online  
June 14, 2011**

**89 pts** “Generous and easy drinking, with rich, complex dark berry flavors that are smooth-textured, deep and persistent, losing a little traction on the finish, ending with a minerally edge. Drink now through 2017.”

**James Laube, [WineSpectator.com](http://WineSpectator.com) - “14 California Reds Under \$40”  
November 8, 2011**

**89 pts** “Juicy, vivacious, and almost overflowing with cherry and sweet plum fruit flavors, this wine offers delicious near-term drinking. It’s invitingly soft on the palate, with very pliant tannins, so probably will not improve with time in bottle. But for summer sipping on porch or patio, particularly when supper comes from the grill, you can hardly do better.”

**Paul Lukacs, Wine Review Online  
April 12, 2011**



**88 pts/Editors' Choice** "This generous Syrah is reminiscent of a nice, rich Provençal wine. It's soft and spicy and fruity, with a good grip of tannin. The black raspberry, mulberry and cherry flavors are dusted with cinnamon and clove, and you'll find a coating of sweet, smoky oak. The vineyard is on Atlas Peak."

**Steve Heimoff, Wine Enthusiast**  
**August 2011**

**88 pts** "Dark purple. Blackberry and blueberry aromas, along with notes of woodsmoke, cracked pepper and fresh flowers. Slightly jammy but light-bodied on the palate, the dark berry flavors showing good sweetness and a seamless texture. Finishes a bit loose, with the smoky note repeating."

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar**  
**May/June 2011**

### **2011 Top 25 Wine List - #23**

**MidwestWineGuy.com**  
**December 2011**

"The name means nose people in Australia and reflects the producers who launched the clever brand in California. A fence with a peephole graces the label and reflects the curiosity of people, including California visitors. We liked the syrah for its aromatics. The blackberry flavors show concentration and richness - a good wine for the price."

**Tom Marquardt, The Capital Gazette - Annapolis**  
**March 30, 2011**