

2017 INNOCENT BYSTANDER SYRAH

Review Summary



89 pts “This starts out cloaked in reduction and mealy oak. The cabbagy character blows of relatively quickly with time in a glass, although the oatmeal-like oak sticks around. Nevertheless, there’s an abundance of brambly red fruit, flora and spice notes. The palate offers fleshy fruit and a lovely chalky texture amid raspy tannins and lifted acidity. It’s a little biting at the finish, but the cool climate winemaking can be felt throughout.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
June 1, 2020

89 pts “Medium to deep red colour with a good purple tint. The bouquet is clean and fresh and fruity, with good cherry-plum touches, and the palate is bright and medium to full-bodied, with supple tannins and bright, appealing flavour. It lingers well and has potential. A very smart wine for the money.”

Huon Hooke
The Real Review
April 6, 2019

100 BEST AUSTRALIAN WINES 2019/20 “I am a bona fide fan of this wine and it has featured in previous editions of 100 Best. This is because it is one of the juiciest and most lustrous of the ‘lightweight’ Syrah brigade. This is a style of wine which few people have experienced but I know that legions of wine lovers will adore its flavor stance on their palates. Char and earth notes puncture the plummy core, but this is not a slow-moving, ponderous wine. Far from it, this is a plush number with a slippery texture and it bounces along gleefully across the palate, urging you to take another sip. While I love wines which are designed to swirl and contemplate, and there are many in this tome, this is a wine for drinking at speed with good mates and food you eat with your hands!”

Matthew Jukes
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