
CAPE MENTELLE SHIRAZ 2009



THE WINEFRONT, CAMPBELL MATTINSON
JUNE 2011

95 POINTS

“... Rob Mann himself has been at Cape Mentelle for a few years now and he’s fast building a big reputation of his own. I’d think this 2009 version is right up there with the best shiraz the estate has yet released.

This 2009 shiraz came over all voluptuous and oak-driven at first but twenty or so minutes later it had transformed itself. So much so that I looked at it and said, You’ve changed. It carries a beautiful swagger of fine, grainy, earthen tannin and while sure, it delivers a healthy dose of aniseedy, blackberried, plum-like fruit flavour – and sweet cedary oak – it still makes a solid attempt to be firm and dry. As a young wine you will need to be tolerant of fresh, new, high quality oak flavour. But this is a crackerjack shiraz from all angles.”

THE AGE ‘EPICURE’, JANE FAULKNER
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“This recently released shiraz from one of Margaret River’s top producers, Cape Mentelle, looks stunning and neatly integrated for such a young wine. It’s a perfectly poised cool-climate shiraz full of dense, ripe plum fruit, peppery and exotic spice, too, with cedary nuances from the oak. It has nice acid balance and plenty of ripe, if slightly raw, tannins that will soften over time; this is a wine to age at least 10 years. To enjoy it now, let it breathe and serve with one of those warming dishes, such as roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.”

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