
CAPE MENTELLE

SHIRAZ 2009



JAMES HALLIDAY'S AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2012, SEPT 2011 96 POINTS
"Bright crimson-purple; fragrant red and black cherry fruit on the bouquet also runs fluently through the long, elegant, medium-bodied palate; as the wine moves to the finish, the spicy/savoury components become more obvious, yet still harmonious"

JEREMY OLIVER'S 2012 AUSTRALIAN WINE ANNUAL, OCT 2011 95 POINTS
"Natural, finely balanced and seamless, with a heady floral bouquet of blackberry confiture, cassis, mulberries and dark cherries lifted by musky scents of white pepper, knit with fine-grained cedar/mocha oak and backed by spicy notes of cloves and cinnamon. Underpinned by pliant, silky tannins, it's long, savoury and elegant, with a deep, briary presence of perfectly ripened fruit revealing nuances of charcuterie meats and black pepper."

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN WINE GUIDE 2012, RAY JORDAN 95 POINTS
"Here is a perfect example of how good Margaret River shiraz can be. This is not your normal fruit bomb Aussie shiraz. There is a minerally grainy tannin structure supporting the mix of dense concentrated medium to full bodied fruit weight with fine grain oak. Has a seductive perfume and a seamless palate profile that has still to reveal its best."

WINE FRONT, CAMPBELL MATTINSON, JUNE 2011 95 POINTS
"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. It carries a beautiful swagger of fine, grainy, earthen tannin and while sure, it delivers a healthy doze of aniseedy, blackberried, plum-like fruit flavour – and sweet cedary oak – it still makes a solid attempt to be firm and dry. This is a crackerjack shiraz from all angles."

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