



## 2012 ALBERT SHIRAZ

"Albert has never been more polished and dignified, a wine of stature and depth, yet upholding impeccable poise and control. The fruit definition and density paraded here are something to behold, with depth and concentration of black plum and blackberry fruit, underlined by high cocoa dark chocolate and liquorice, lifted by a fragrant violet delicacy. Tannins are finely structured and confident, sustaining a very long and seamless finish."

**96 POINTS TYSON STELZER, WINE TASTE WEEKLY EDITION 167 SEPTEMBER 29, 2014**

"The brute has class. Blue, black and red berry notes join in to form a powerful chorus of flavour. You feel the power from the first sip and yet it comes across as seamless, soft, moreish. Mint, sawdust, ground spice and violet notes add both complexity and a veneer of prettiness; Marlon Brando petting a dove. Vigorous length of flavour and firm tannin are key assets."

**95 POINTS JAMES HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION, JULY 2, 2014**

"Crowd-pleasing flavours with a bit of firmness, a bit of resistance. Perfectly balanced. Perfectly flavoured. Combines blue, black and red berries with great aplomb. Has a general mintyness but it's offset by notes of cedar, sawdust, ground spice and violet. Tannin feels underdone at first but it builds and gathers and forces a rethink. The fruit though is the thing; it keeps beating on, boundless, joyful. Will cellar but easy to drink this now."

**94 POINTS, CAMPBELL MATTINSON, THE WINE FRONT, JUNE 26, 2014**

"Kym Teusner pulls this Shiraz off, even if he is amusingly contemptuous of the variety when bottled by itself. I do understand. There's a lot of crap out there and good vintages of the Joshua and the Avatar red blends will always be more heavily represented at my table. But I'll keep this handy too. Aromas and flavours which comfort and sell. Plums, black berries and cherries, Maltesers and Brazil nuts. Well-padded with rather corpulent tannin. Undeniably full-bodied. Yet here's the rub – it's not wobbly. Rather it displays definition within these confines. And it reaches through the back-palate like its hungry for more. This is the Albert that I fell in love with from the 2004 vintage. And this is the Albert I will go into bat for today, regardless of how unfashionable that may be. We had a great time together over three days."

**94 POINTS, JEREMY PRINGLE, WINEWILLEATTITSELF.COM, JUNE 24, 2014**

"A dense and rich red with blackberry and tar character. Full body, integrated fine tannins and a long and flavorful finish. Lovely texture to this old vine shiraz. Dense style of red. Drink now."

**93 POINTS, JAMES SUCKLING, JAMESUCKLING.COM JANUARY 2015**

"A finely balanced, shapely and deeply flavoured shiraz whose complex, slightly meaty and earthy aromas of blackberries, briar, dark plums and cassis are enhanced with fresh cedar/chocolate oak and lifted by dusty, peppery notes. It's very smooth and polished, with a long, tightly directed core of intense cassis, blackberry and dark olive flavours knit with polished oak and underpinned by fine, graphite-like tannins. It finishes long and measured, with lingering notes of pristine fruit and an emerging savoury note."

**93 POINTS, JEREMY OLIVER, JEREMYOLIVER.COM**

"Deep garnet in color with a hint of purple, the 2012 Albert reveals ripe blackberry, black cherry and mulberry scents with nuances of black pepper, licorice and dark chocolate. Full-bodied but not at all heavy, rich and seductively fruited, it packs-in the flavor layers with finely grained tannins and great freshness to frame the fruit, finishing long."

**93 POINTS, LISA PERROTTI-BROWN, EROBERTPARKER.COM, JUNE 30, 2015**

"So lush this wine has depth and zing. Aromas are fruit and spice but it's the flavours that sell you. Ripe fruits boasting blackberries, black cherries and dark plums. A perfect balance between acidity and tannin. Muscular bodied...and it can lift its own body weight going down. Best drinking until 2032."

**92 POINTS (OUTSTANDING), @SHIRAZGURU, POSTED ON TWITTER 26TH JUNE 2015**

"Beautiful dark fruity with blackberry, sweet spices, tobacco and a little fleshy tones, nicely rounded tannins, concentrated fruit and a long meaty finish."

**91 POINTS, ANDREAS LARSSON, LIVETS GODA 2015**

"A great vintage has done extra wonders for this perennially excellent stylist with its delightful aromas of dark fruits and rich spice that swirls at the front of the senses while background notes of fragrant kitchen garden herbs and deft oak handling make for a modern, balanced, joyfule and respectful Barossa shiraz worthy of any top shelf."

**★★★★½, TONY LOVE, JULY 16, 2014**

"Deep, dark red colour with a purple tinge. The bouquet is slightly charred-oak dominated, with meaty, savoury, earthy and black olive characters also. There's a core of sweet liqueury fruit in the middle and then a wash of fine but assertive tannins on the back-palate. It's a super-ripe and slightly syrupy style, but the tannins clean and the finish and save the day."

**89 POINTS, HUON HOOKE, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2014**