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REVIEWS FOR THE PIONEER SHIRAZ 2013

MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Reviews

3 jan 2017

92/100 outstanding

Rich, with espresso, chocolate, and kirsch deatils, accented by hints of fresh mint. Offering a supple texture, this is elegant and expressive on the long finish. Drink now thorough 2030.

Nick Stock, Take Note: Real Australian Wine Is Here

7 jan 2017

90/100

Plum liqueur and cake are the main feature on the nose here, as well as a hint of crumble. Full body, rich tannins and a slightly cloying finish make for a rich yet enjoyable style.

Christina Pickard,

6 jan 2018

93 points

Wakefield's top wine offers enchanting aromas of mocha, milky coffee, vanilla, licorice and sun-ripened raspberries and blackberries. It's texturally plush, with a fair amount of richness, silky tannins and well integrated oak. This should age with exceptional grace. Drink 2019–2027.

Raymond Chan, Taylor Brown – A Selection of The Best Wines

7 jan 2018

20/20

Full, even, black-red colour, near impenetrable, a little lighter on the rim with slight purple hues. The nose is softly packed with a core of ripe blackberry fruit along with black plums, liquorice and earth, with some tar. The aromatics bloom and are ethereal with real volume, unfolding subtle layers of exotic spices and sweet oak from the heart. The aromatics show power with finesse, and are expressed with immense harmony and integration. Full-bodied, the palate has an incredibly rich, smoothly packed and layered core of ripe blackberries, black plums and boysenberries entwined with earth and tar complexities, lifted by sweet, spicy and exotic oak. The flavours fill the mouth, showing opulence, exoticism and decadence, and are supported by plenty of fine-grained, powdery tannin providing great structure and presence. The flavours carry to a very long, multi-faceted and multi-dimensional finish. This is an incredibly rich and opulent Shiraz with exoticism, structure and presence with sensational ethereal oak finesse. Match with game meat and semi-hard cheeses over the next 15+ years. A barrel selection wine. Shiraz fruit fermented to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 12 months in 40% new American oak, and after selection, given a further 8 months barrel maturation.

Isaac James Baker, Wine Reviews: Australia

11 jan 2018

93 points

Deep purple color. Aromatically, I get waves of deep, dark fruit (blackberries, blueberries, black cherries) and complex bursts of eucalyptus, black pepper, espresso, violets, anise. Big and full on the palate, built well with tannins but the edges are fine and the acidity here is really inviting and refreshing. Suave blackberry, blueberry, black currant, mixed with coffee, anise, dark chocolate, eucalyptus, with an earthy, peppery finish. Long time ahead but beautiful young. Aged 20 months in French oak.

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Rich Cook,
12 jan 2018
95 points

I went gaga over the 2012 iteration of this wine, and this vintage isn't far behind. Scents of blackberry pie, fall spice and a complementary hint of menthol entice on the nose, and are delivered on the palate with classy oak tones and a touch of tar adding to the mix. My focus here is on the moderate palate weight which suits the flavor profile, keeping things bright and brassy. Big beef preps, lamb or medium plus cheeses will only elevate the proceedings.

Robert Whitley,
12 jan 2018
95 points

Showing richness and length on the palate, the 2013 Pioneer from Wakefield is an impressive expression of Australia's signature grape variety. Spicy, with a somewhat restrained note of eucalyptus, and notes of blueberry and blackberry, the 2013 is beautifully balanced and just now beginning to hit its stride.

Richard Hemming MW,
1 jan 2019
17 points

Wreathed in coconut and sweet spice that tells of the oak, but full of rich, black fruit too. Super-sweet, with very long, confectioned vanilla flavours on the finish. It's an exaggerated style, but one that satisfies the expectation of grape and origin. So, a wine of terroir, then – in which the oak is an essential element.

Alistair Cooper MW,
9 jan 2019
17 points

A barrel selection of the best from St Andrews, then aged for a further 20 months. Quite developed, showing leafy secondary notes and damp earth. Very soft palate, which is remarkably developed; soft and silky tannins and roasted coffee notes. The alcohol just stands out a little on the long finish.

Adler Yarrow , Vinography Unboxed: Week of 7/19/20
7 jan 2020

Very dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of cola nut and prunes. In the mouth, rich flavors of mulling spices and black cherry, leather and cola nut have a beautiful woody and saddle leather backdrop to them. Faint tannins and decent acidity. Notes of caramelized brown sugar linger in the finish. 14.5% alcohol. Closed with a screwcap.

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The Asian Syrah Masters 2021

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