

2008 Longhop Shiraz

“Australia’s most powerful wine under \$20.”



The bouquet is bursting with spice, hay, licorice and dark chocolate over the core of black fruits, taking on a more savoury character on the palate, black fruits again to the fore. *Exceptional value.* Screwcap.

14.5% alc. *Rating 94* Drink 2016 \$15 Date Tasted Sep 09

James Halliday.

Massive wine. Pitch-black colour. Rich with syrupy flavours of coal, blackberry, tar and minerals and full-on from the first attack of flavour to the last of the long, warm finish. *An epic wine.* It has a good hit of tannin too, and wave after wave of dark, concentrated fruitiness.

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Drink 2009-2012.

Rated 93/100.

Campbell Mattinson, The Big Red Wine Book 2009.

Of all the winemakers, in all the towns in all the world, Dom Torzi must be the most persistent/insistent when it comes to getting his wine reviewed!

It’s slightly mentholated and packed with blackberries and cherries, a little shake of pepper and some sexy vanillin ‘catnip’ oak - fragrant and tarry at once. Full bodied and mouth enveloping. It combines plush dark fruit with a grainy grab of ripe chewy tannin and a long (slightly) warm finish. *The complexity and satisfaction delivered here for the price is second to none. Killer value.*

Rated: 93 points

Tasted: Aug09

Gary Walsh winefront web site

Domenic Torzi and Tim Freeland seem intent on becoming the Simon and Garfunkle of shiraz and grenache, not to mention perfect olive oils, and with wines from the high Barossa and Adelaide Plains continually reinforcing their harmonious translation of old vines and new, with great respect of terroir and hands-on natural, home kitchen winemaking. *This is vibrant, fresh, exciting wine, with sinuous and lissome structure* rather than jam and syrup, so it makes you thirstier and happier and hungrier as you work down the shoulder and into the label. Suddenly it’s all gone and you haven’t even lit the stove. \$15? Jokin’!

Rated: 92++

Philip White, The Independent Weekly.

September 11, 2009

Bulging ripe grapes with all manner of warming – personal rather than global – built into it, showing juicy purple berry fruit, understated oak foundations and quite a deal of older vine concentration at this price. Suits big, late-wintery meat braises over mounds of pasta.

Rated: 90 points

Tony Love, The Advertiser

September 30, 2009