



2018 Glaetzer Amon-Ra

PRESS REVIEWS

Nicks Wine Merchants

2018 Amon-Ra, 98 Points

A magnificent inky black heart is accompanied by an equally deep dark purple black hue. Wafting out of the glass are potent aromatics of dark plum, blackberry and liquorice with some ripe blueberry notes also present. Vanillin cedar, dark chocolate, fennel and spicy pepper notes then chime in. Texturally dense and opulent, decadently rich dark plum, blackberry, luscious black cherry and liquorice fruits are delivered with enormous power to the point where they completely saturate the palate. The undercard is comprised of spicy vanillin cedar, more blueberry fruits, subtle dark chocolate, earthy fennel characters and pepper. Robust yet velvet like tannins and good freshness bring a sturdy structure to the table. Superb depth with a long lavish yet polished conclusion.

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Robert Parker Wine Advocate

2018 Amon-Ra, 98 Points

Certainly one of the best vintages of young Amon Ra I've ever tasted, the 2018 Amon Ra Shiraz is a stupendous effort. From old vines in the Ebenezer section of the northern Barossa, it starts off with a whirlwind of mocha, blackberry and dried spices, then actually gets more red-fruited as it sits in the glass. Full-bodied, rich and concentrated without being jammy or overdone, the wine finishes long and savory, framed by dusty tannins and mouthwatering black olives. Winemaker Ben Glaetzer compares 2018 to 2004 (which continues to drink well). Expect the 2018 to drink well young, but easily age through 2035, perhaps longer.

Joe Czerwinski, 2020 Wine Advocate Review, 1st August 2020, USA www.robertparker.com

Huon Hooke, The Real Review

2018 Amon-Ra, 96 Points

Deep, dense, glass staining purple/red colour, with a rich dark chocolate and graphite bouquet which is ripe and oak-infused - but not 'oaky'. The palate is also very rich and ripely fruit-sweet, lush and very lovely. A sumptuous wine that will age long-term but also gives great pleasure now.

Huon Hooke, The Real Review, July 2020, Australia www.therealreview.com



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James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion

2018 Amon-Ra, **95 Points - Gold**

From vines 50-130yo in Ebenezer yielding 2t/ha, open-fermented, hand plunged three times daily, matured for 16 months in new hogsheads (5% American). Full-bodied to the point where it's difficult to give any guidance for cellaring time.

Published in James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2021 Edition, 1st August 2020, Australia
www.winecompanion.com.au

Winepilot, Australia

2018 Amon-Ra, **96 Points**

A first pull of the cork and the room fills with the kinetic aromas of dark chocolate, ground coffee, mint and crushed blue flowers – this is before you've poured a glass. The spice runs in streams. There's cracked pepper of course, but also nutmeg, cinnamon and ground cloves along with something more middle-eastern – za'atar perhaps. Fruit is glistening, pristine and ripe -blueberry, blackberry, plum and cherry. Tannins are polished and lacy but regimental, there's a stride down the tongue that doesn't dominate the palate and allows for that freshness to co-mingle. If opening now I'd recommend drinking it over a couple of days – all that lovely coffee and chocolate will melt down and harmonize in the mouth. Bottled without filtration.

Morgan Dunn, published in Winepilot, August 2020

Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Real Review

2018 Amon-Ra, **95 Points**

Impenetrable blackish-purple in the glass, its nose offers complex mix of dark fruits, spices, dark cocoa, earth and new leather. A thread of fume-y alcohol doesn't mar it. It's intense in the mouth, with crushed berry, spicy and chocolatey flavours, and the ripe tannins are an object lesson in how to achieve exact balance without toughening the palate. It's still closed up and a bit unyielding, but a few bottles put away for a decade or more should be a great investment for winters yet to come.

Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Real Review, June 2020, Australia www.therealreview.com