



# 2021 Glaetzer Amon-Ra

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### Robert Parker Wine Advocate

2021 Amon-Ra, **97 Points**

The Amon-Ra is a wine that's well known for its graceful aging capacity, and so, in a vintage like 2021 (long, cooler than the horrendously low-yielding and drought-addled 2020 and 2019 prior), the release is eagerly anticipated. The 2021 Amon-Ra Shiraz is complete, in a word. The purple and red berries in the mouth are fresh and supple, the flow of flavor across the tongue feels unbroken and svelte, and the aftertaste is padded by chewy, pliable tannins. This is a real pleasure, and not just now – it will be later, too.

*Erin Larkin, 2023 Wine Advocate Review, August 2023, Australia [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com)*

### James Halliday

2021 Amon-Ra – **96 points**

Shiraz sourced from vines between 50 to 130 years of age in the renowned northern Barossa subregion of Ebenezer; 16 months in new French and American oak. A wine of impact and purity. Beautiful ripe black plum, cassis and black cherry fruits with hints of cedar, baking spices, dark chocolate, licorice, nutmeg, espresso, earth and graphite. Power and harmony writ large with cascading tannin, lacy acidity and great depth and concentration ... I feel it needs one of those big, old Batman-style 'KAPOW!!' boxes for emphasis. It's a cracker.

*Dave Brookes, James Halliday Wine Companion, July 2023, Australia [www.winecompanion.com.au](http://www.winecompanion.com.au)*

### Angus Hughson

2021 Amon-Ra – **93 points**

Two thousand and twenty-one is a fascinating vintage of Amon-Ra that will surprise some thanks to its subtle style. Dark cherry, fruit pastilles and raspberry compote aromas are lifted by subtle spice and sweet oak. It's compact yet fleshy, with fresh acidity and silky tannins while still delivering trademark length and balance. A delicious Barossa but bet enjoyed over the medium term.

*Angus Hughson, Vinous, June 2023, USA [www.vinous.com](http://www.vinous.com)*

### Ray Jordan

2021 Amon-Ra – **97 points**

A wine that illustrates how traditional Barossa can be expressed in modern hands. It's a Shiraz from 50 to 130 year old Ebenezer vines, revealing power and poise. Traditional open fermentation was adopted with hand plunging three times a day. Deep plum and mineral characters merge on the nose. A slightly cedary factor lifts with a dense dark chocolate and spicy plum. Chalky fine tannins perfectly integrated combine to take a concentrated powerful palate to an effortlessly long finish.

*Ray Jordan, Wine Pilot, June 2023, Australia [www.winepilot.com](http://www.winepilot.com)*



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### Jeni Port

2021 Amon-Ra – 95 points

Ben Glaetzer unashamedly turns the volume up on Amon-Ra. The winemaker likes a full-blooded Barossa Shiraz and knows how to deliver it. No apologies. In the 2021 vintage, he has seasonal conditions – mild, dry with a long Indian summer thrown in – that fit his modus operandi and Amon-Ra style. Alcohol runs at 15%, the dense, dark purple colour is stain-worthy and high tone spice and woody oak play a prominent – and it must be stressed, positive – role. This is a traditional Barossa heartland kind of Shiraz, almost impenetrable, but with life and vitality. Vibrant, ripe blackberry, bramble, damson plum with heady fruitcake spice notes, licorice block, leather and earth sit well entrenched at the heart of this wine, full-bodied and mouth-filling. Cedary, woody oak performs a big embrace of fruit, ably assisted by generous tannins. You know it's crying out for more time in bottle. Be assured, it can deliver more. Why unfiltered? "To ensure minimal intervention with the wine's natural characteristics," is the answer from the winemaker. This is, nothing is removed by filtration. It remains tantalisingly whole.

*Jeni Port, Wine Pilot, June 2023, Australia [www.winepilot.com](http://www.winepilot.com)*

### Shanteh Wale

2021 Amon-Ra – 95 points

This is the cream of the crop and the wine that Ben hangs his hat on for full flavoured, multi-layered elegant and finely balanced Barossan Shiraz. Vine age is between 50-130 years from Ebenezer. I can liken the experience of this wine to unwrapping those mixed berry fruit roll ups as a child. The sticky chew and snap of intensely flavoured blackberry and raspberry that dreams are made of, but this is a grown-up dream. The experience lasts beyond when you're finished drinking with cassia bark, black pepper and vanilla bean. It's full of power and depth with tannins that intertwine between perky acidity and layer upon layer of fruit and spice. It's savoury and detailed and just a total pleasure to drink. Pour this in your best glasses with someone that deserves a treat.

*Shanteh Wale, Wine Pilot, June 2023, Australia [www.winepilot.com](http://www.winepilot.com)*