

## 2006 GIANT STEPS MILLER VINEYARD SHIRAZ

### Review Summary



**94 pts** “Another wine to join the growing band of brooding, spicy Yarra shiraz, this has an earthy dark beetroot nose, ripe dark plum fruits, gentle spice and pipe tobacco; it opens with air. The palate starts out with some sweet cinnamon and eastern spices across bright red fruit flavour, supported with plenty of taut fine tannin, balanced, savoury and moody.”

**Nick Stock**  
Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2009

**93 pts** “Phil Sexton’s Giant Steps are quickly making his Yarra vineyards into full biodynamic management, and if this wine’s any indicator of how well he’ll do, we should all start saving up and ensuring our place on the mailing list. Shiraz of this pious philosophy has mainly been Castagna country til now. While there’s a peppercorn or two in the nose, it’s mainly swimmingly alive with fresh red fruits and juicy black olives, and the flavours are incredibly intense, as if these cells had walls twice as thick as normal fruits. Confit of duck, please, or goose.”

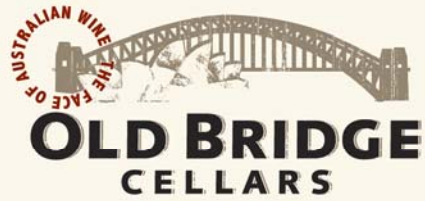
**Philip White**  
Drankster.com  
October 2008

**90 pts** “Inky ruby. Blackberry, cherry, olive and violet aromas reminded me of an Old World syrah. Spicy raspberry and blackberry flavors are firmed by minerals and complicated by anise and candied flowers. Packs serious flavor punch but betrays no excess weight. The finish carries impressively and repeats the red berry quality. Incidentally, a bottle of the 2005 shiraz (straight, no vineyard) I tried recently was showing interesting northern Rhone-like smokiness and dark berry sweetness, with a strikingly peppery finish.”

**Josh Raynolds**  
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar  
Jul/Aug 2008

**90 pts** “Scents of anise lend this wine’s black fruit an earthy distinction. The tannins are young and strong, more powerful than the fruit for now. It lasts on black peppercorn and that black licorice scent. Cellar this for two or three years to let the fruit come forward.”

**Wine & Spirits – ‘Australia’s Best’**  
February 2009



“Taste this and you’ll think, mmm, delicious and very northern Rhone-ish, well reminiscent anyway, as the 6% viognier in the blend adds a lovely textural component to the palate, plus a fragrant, floral lift. This is a lovely cool-climate, medium-bodied shiraz with its core of spice and black plums with an attractive herbal underlay, tangy ripe stem notes, refreshing acidity with cedary oak that’s smartly integrated and alongside fine gritty tannins.”

**Jane Faulkner**  
**Melbourne’s The Age**  
**August 9, 2008**

