

# Wine Guy Reviews

*Serious, tooth staining Shiraz from winemaker Peter Lehman's son David Franz using his mothers maiden name to prevent confusion... and, you can tell that his father rubbed off on him....*

**David Franz Benjamin's Shiraz 1999 Barossa Valley, Australia \$35**

**What the Wine Critics Thought: Wine Spectator 93 Points**

This is a pedal-to-the-metal Barossa, big ripe and rich, a huge mouthful of spicy, slightly pruny, definitely exotic dried cherry, fresh cherry and plum flavors, with impressive depth and length. It's like a big bounding mastiff puppy. If it ever achieves some discipline, it will be amazing. Best from 2008 through 2020.

**What We Thought:** A big nose of ripe blackberry and spice leads to a thick, viscous, almost gooeey palate of ripe plum and blackberry supported by some pretty substantial tannins. This is a heavy Shiraz with an almost Port-like character that is almost reminiscent of a super-ripe California Zin. If you thought his father's Clancy's Barossa was big, wait until you try this!

I have to agree with Wine Spectator, another three to five years should do wonders for this wine.