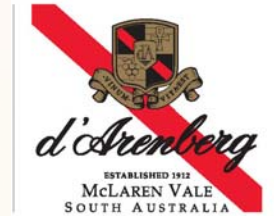




## 2004 d'ARENBERG THE DEAD ARM SHIRAZ

### Review Summary



**95 pts** “The renowned 2004 Shiraz The Dead Arm, fashioned from ancient head-pruned vines, is stunning. An inky/purple color is accompanied by a glorious perfume of creosote/melted road tar, blackberry and cassis liqueur, pepper, and spice. This deep, rich, full-bodied, tannic Shiraz should be drinkable in 2-3 years, and will last for two decades or more. It is the finest Dead Arm since the 2001.”

**Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate**  
October 2006/#167

**94 pts** “Saturated violet. Pungent tobacco- and espresso-laced cherry, cassis and blackberry aromas, with a hint of mocha. Beautiful dark berry, vanilla and Indian spice flavors expand and gain sweetness with air. The lushly tannic finish positively explodes with sweet raspberry and mulberry flavors, with dark chocolate and exotic blood orange notes adding a vibrant quality. An impressive return to form for d'Arenberg's flagship red”.

**Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar**  
Jul/Aug 2006

**94 pts** “Remarkable elegant and fine in the overall context of Dead Arm; black cherry and blackberry fruit with the mandatory chocolate; fine, soft tannins and controlled oak. Some suggestion of brett, which doesn't spoil the wine for me.”

**James Halliday**  
2008 Wine Companion

**93 pts** “Serious wine. Bouquet's fresh, vibrant, intense, and very defined. Pepper, spice, ripe blue fruits.”

**2009 International Wine Challenge**

**91 pts** “This has a broody, Rhone-like nose with dark berried fruit, black olive, a touch of cooked meat and saddle leather. Good delineation. The palate is medium-bodied, very well balanced with a spicy entry. Black cherries, marmalade, creme de menthe, blueberry and a touch of damson. Fine, assertive finish. Decadent.”

**Neal Martin, [www.erobertparker.com](http://www.erobertparker.com)**  
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