



2006 d'ARENBERG THE CADENZIA Review Summary



91+ pts “d’Arenberg’s Cadenzia from 2006 is a very tidy release. It’s got almost equal parts grenache and shiraz, with the remainder mourvedre. I recall writer Max Allen, a decade ago, referring to these blends as ‘earth wines’. Taste this wine and it’s easy to see why. I have to emphasize two things. It’s lightness (in terms of weight) and its savoriness. This is not a sweet, fruity, raspberried wine. It’s earthen, spicy, tarry (for once, in a positive way) and perhaps a smidge gamey. It has lots of drying tannin and a huge amount of drinkability - though it needs food. It’s textural but not in a ‘smooth’ sense - it’s gritty and dirty and real good to get stuck into. “

**Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front
October 13, 2009**

91 pts “Medium-bodied and full of life; juicy red fruits, slight savory nuances and fresh acidity on the finish; a very good expression of the blend.”

**James Halliday
2009 Australian Wine Companion**

91 pts “Purple-colored, it reveals an already complex aromatic array of cedar, mineral, underbrush, espresso, black cherry, and blueberry. Layered and succulent on the palate, it has loads of fruit, plenty of spice, and excellent length.”

**Robert Parker, eRoberParker.com
February 2009**

91 pts “Pretty wine - red fruits, flowers, a sort of a nutty Ovaltine smell and a sprinkling of herbs. It’s fresh and medium bodied - juicily red fruited with attractive round tannins and a juicy yet savory finish. Layers of interest and it looked better after being open for a day. Very good sort of drink. I might be ever so slightly under-rating even, so I’ll come back after that second bottle. “

**Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, Winefront Monthly
August 25, 2009**

90 pts “Inky ruby. Fresh black raspberry and cherry aromas are complemented by sandalwood and five-spice powder. Fresh and energetic in the middle, offering tangy blackberry and blueberry flavors and a velvety texture. Tightens up on the finish, delivering solid flavor punch without excess weight.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
Sept/Oct 2008**



89 pts “Full, rich and heady, this blend of 48% Grenache, 45% Syrah and only 7% Mourvèdre features lifted aromas of black cherries, then adds hints of licorice and cocoa on the palate. Extremely supple; seems to beg for early consumption.”

Wine Enthusiast
August 2009

87 pts “Firm in texture, with green olive and tobacco flavors layered over modest blackberry fruit. A floral note adds interest to the finish. Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvèdre.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator, Great Australian Reds
October 15, 2008

“Medium garnet in color, this wine smells of sweet cherry fruit with a hint of orange peel. In the mouth it is explosively juicy with cherry and sour cherry flavors with hints of citrus zest. Incredible acidity and faint tannins add to the well-integrated package. This is a wine that compels multiple gulps. Delicious. 48% Grenache, 45% Shiraz, 7% Mourvedre. Score: between 9 and 9.5.”

Alder Yarrow, Vinography.com
April 10, 2010