



2008 d'ARENBERG THE FOOTBOLT SHIRAZ

Review Summary



92 pts “It’s getting to the stage I’m looking for D-berg to send me a crappy wine...but they haven’t and this is no exception, deeply sensuous McLaren Vale Shiraz.”

**Tony Keys, The Key Report
November 2010**

91 pts “One of the best tried and true Shiraz from d'Arenberg at a price point (\$20 US) everyone can afford. This medium bright red Shiraz combines cherries, plum, stoney tannins and nutmeg with a peppery and lively finish. The balance of the flavors makes this wine enjoyable and very drinkable now or within the next 5-7 years for best drinking. Medium finish with ripe red fruits and fresh strawberries.”

**Jeff Lawson, www.midwestwineguy.com Blog
March 29, 2011**

90 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “Deep color; licorice, bitter chocolate and a distinct aroma of candle wax combine on the bouquet; the palate is rich, warm and inviting, with lavish levels of sweet fruit the central theme of the wine.”

**James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion 2011**

90 pts “A solid vintage of Footbolt, d'Arenberg’s bread-and-butter McLaren Vale Shiraz, this draws on a deep well of red fruit and ironstone tannins – think of cherries, strawberries and crushed black pepper flash roasted in an iron skillet. This starts off cedary and ends soft and warm, focused on fruit. A versatile red for most any roast or grilled meats.”

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2010**



89 pts “Also a very well done 2008, the d’Arenberg Shiraz The Footbolt is 100% Shiraz that’s aged 1/3 in large oak barrel and 2/3 in smaller barrels. It’s a balanced, elegantly styled Shiraz that has bright, juicy berry styled fruits, spice, mineral, and hints of herbs and eucalyptus that continue to gain stature and depth with air. This overall fresh, elegant character carries over to the palate as well, where the wine is medium+ bodied and possesses excellent acidity, ripe tannin, and a dry, enjoyable finish. Given the balanced and concentration, this should age well, with a decade of overall drinkability not out of the question.”

**Jeb Dunnuck, The Rhone Report
March 2012**

89 pts – Best Value \$25 and Under

**Nick Stock
2012 Good Wine Guide**

89 pts “A savory style, with pepper and tobacco character overshadowing the dark plum and berry fruit, but it all comes together deftly on the finish.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
June 15, 2010**

88+ pts “Bright violet. Initially reduced nose of dark berry skin and cherry pit opens up with aeration to offer spicy floral and dark fruit scents and a hint of licorice. Would pretty tight today and slow to offer much beyond primary fruit in the mouth. Finishes with good grip and focus, repeating the dark fruit skin notes. This needs some time to settle down but there appears to be a lot of fruit here.”

**Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2010**

2011 Top 25 Wine List - #8

**MidwestWineGuy.com
December 2011**

“A plush fully flavored McLaren Vale Shiraz that has plenty of extract and mouthfeel a throaty, licorice, plum and dark fruited number. Holds together nicely and is well worthy of many a summer barbecue placement.”

**Nick Stock
Wine Business Monthly
April 2011**