



## 2008 d'ARENBERG THE LAST DITCH VIOGNIER

### Review Summary



**94 pts - WINE OF THE WEEK** “Viognier is a difficult beast: the good ones are few and far between but Chester Osborn nails it more of-ten than not. This is a subtly complex example with hints of barrel ferment and yeasty lees characters adding extra interest. Toasty, bready yeast, nut and stone-fruit aromas are nicely balanced and layered; It’s a far cry from the shrill, one-dimensional apri-cotty viogniers. The palate is soft and round, with fresh acid in balance, and good drinkability, thanks to modest alcohol (13.5 percent) and not too much oily glycerol.”

**Huon Hooke, The Sydney Morning Herald**  
August 4, 2009

**92 pts - Best of the Best by Variety** “An impressive example, and very well priced; it has varietal flavor, but also the freshness and zip that is so often lacking.”

**James Halliday’s Australian Wine Companion**  
2011

**90 pts** “It offers appealing aromas of mineral, peach, and apricot and lead to a creamy-textured, concentrated, intense Viognier with a lengthy finish.”

**Jay Miller, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate**  
December 2009, Issue #186

**89 pts** “Bright and jazzy, with spice, floral and creamy pear flavors, dancing easily through the long, vivid finish.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator**  
November 30, 2009

**89 pts** “Light, bright yellow. Fresh pineapple and melon aromas are reminiscent of chardonnay. This is less exotic than most viogniers, offering sappy tropical fruit and citrus flavors and a hint of honeysuckle. Tightly wound on the finish, with the citrus note repeating.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar**  
July/August 2009



**89 pts** “From a tough year, this little blend of Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vale fruit has plenty of stone fruits and a whiff of spice. In the mouth it delivers a decent ball of orange and apricot fruit flavor, gently creamy and tidy enough through the finish.”

Nick Stock, Wine100  
March 2010

## SILVER MEDAL

2009 Sommelier Challenge

“Bright golden straw tones with vibrant stone and pomme fruit aromas and one of the most seamless texture and fruit flavor balancing acts you can imagine with fresh lemon acidity bringing up the rear, full of generous flavor and excitement.”

Tony Love, The Advertiser  
September 2009

“Aromatic, full-bodied, silky Viognier. Loads of intense apricot aromas and flavors are accented with bright lime, floral and apple notes.”

Robyn Tinsley, WineSinny.com  
December 4, 2009

“Pale gold in the glass, this wine smells of citrus and just the barest hint of apricots and peaches. On the palate the wine is wonderfully floral and citrus oriented, with a nice light texture (as opposed to the thick quality the grape variety can often have). Hints of unripe peach sneak into the finish which is clean and long. Fantastic acidity. Refreshing but missing some of the deeper complexity that would make this a profound instead of just pleasurable wine. Score: between 8.5 and 9.”

Alder Yarrow, Vinography.com  
April 10, 2010

## 92 pts / FINALIST

Ultimate Wine & Spirits Competition  
June 6, 2010