



2008 d'ARENBERG THE LOVE GRASS Review Summary



90 pts “Crimson– purple; an attractive medium-bodied shiraz that largely escaped the heat; blackberry and plum fruit is supported by a helping of oak and well judged tannins.”

James Halliday
2011 Australian Wine Companion

89 pts “Blended of 85% Shiraz, 5% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Viognier and 2% Tempranillo, the deep garnet-purple colored 2008 The Love Grass Shiraz is a well constructed gem from this difficult vintage in McLaren. It gives spicy blueberry and mulberry aromas with some anise. The rich, full bodied palate isn't shy of structure with a solid foundation of high acid and medium-firm finely grained tannins. Finishing long, it makes a pleasant glass now, though it should keep to 2015.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate
October 2010

89 pts - #85: Top 100 New Zealand/Australian Wines 2011 “A robust blend of sweet and savory, d'Arenberg's 2008 Love Grass Shiraz is full bodied and round in the mouth, featuring smoky, meaty and blackberry notes and a mouthwatering finish.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
July 2011

88+ pts “Saturated ruby. Deep aromas of blackberry, licorice, violet, tobacco and espresso; smells a lot like a cabernet. Then deep, faintly bitter and tactile, showing a sappy core of dark fruit and good energy even if it seems a bit youthfully imploded today. Finishes with firm backbone and sweeter red fruit character. This needs a little more bottle age.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2010



88 pts/BEST BUY “The fruit tone of this shiraz is riper than The Footbolt’s, with scents of prune plum and edges of spicy tannin. The texture is a little syrupy, but the structure keeps the wine lifted. A cookout red for peppery lamb.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2010

GOLD MEDAL

Dallas Morning News and TexSom Wine Competition 2012

“Dark, dense purple in color. Nice nose with ripe black fruit aromas. Blackberry, black cherry, black pepper, and chocolate come through on the palate. Full-bodied with lively acidity and chewy tannins. Big and bold, yet extremely well-balanced, with a very long finish.” Quality: 4 stars (out of 5) | QPR: 5 bangs for your buck (out of 5)

WinePeeps.com
Australian Shiraz to Stock Your Cellar (or Fill a Stocking)
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