



2009 d'ARENBERG THE EIGHT IRON SHIRAZ

Review Summary



94 pts “Every bit as good, the 2009 d'Arenberg Shiraz The Eight Iron is a smoking Shiraz that exhibits a cassis and blackberry slanted bouquet, with complexity adding aromas of eucalyptus, roasted meats, and violet all emerging with air. Seriously fruited and concentrated, this remarkable Shiraz is perfectly balanced and has loads of underlying structure to go with a seamless, elegant finish. Despite all of the fruit and texture, it has the structure to age and should show well for 12-15 years.”

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

92 pts “Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2009 The Eight Iron Shiraz has a youthfully mute nose with notes of kirsch, tar and tree bark over hints of cumin, Indian spices and warm blueberries. Well structured and more expressive in the mouth, it's very full bodied with crisp acid and firm, finely grained tannins, finishing long and savory. Consider drinking it 2013 to 2023+.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, eRobertParker.com, Issue #199
February 2012**

92 pts “Deep in color and dark in personality, with black fruits, bitter chocolate, inky fruit and toasty oak; the palate is chewy and dense, epic in proportion and very tannic; it appears that this wine has been built for the long haul.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2012**

92 pts “Glass-staining ruby. Pungent, expressive bouquet of cherry compote, singed plum and cassis, complicated by licorice and violet qualities. Big, chewy and broad on the palate, which repeats the cherry and cassis notes and shows a smoky quality. Very rich shiraz with a powerful, floral-dominated finish and very good persistence.”

**Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2011**

89 pts “Broad and ripe, boasting a big mouthful of cherry, raspberry, cinnamon, clove and pepper flavors that linger smoothly.”

**Harvey Steiman, winespectator.com
2012**