

2009 d'ARENBERG THE FERAL FOX

Review Summary



90 pts "Bright red. More expressive than the 2008 version, displaying scents of raspberry, blackberry and incense. Fleshy red berry flavors show impressive power and very good depth, with silky tannins adding shape and grip. Expands with air, finishing with persistent flavors of red fruits and candied flowers."

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

89 pts "Deep but clear red-purple; in pinot terms, full-bodied, with ripe plum and black cherry fruit, tannins the Achilles Heel, simply too strong."

James Halliday

Australian Wine Companion 2012

86 pts "2009 The Feral Fox Pinot Noir presents a pale ruby-purple color and intense aromas of black cherry, warm raspberry, some dried herbs and a whiff of lavender. Very crisp in the mouth with a medium level of fine, slightly astringent tannins, this full-bodied Pinot has a medium-long, straightforward finish. Drink it now to 2014."

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

TOP DROPS - "The Feral Fox is very much a solid, chewy, savory and smooth d'Arenberg red - a complex and enjoyable expression of pinot, albeit without high-toned aromatics."

Chris Shanahan, Sunday Canberra Times 2010

WINE OF THE WEEK "The color is medium ruby with a hint of magenta-blue at the center; aromas of black and red cherries and sour cherry are woven with notes of cola, cranberry and strawberry, cloves and licorice and melon ball. This is a savory pinot noir, richly spiced and imbued with delicious cherry and plum flavors and benefiting from a lovely satiny drape to the texture, yet it also displays a sense of delicacy and spareness, of almost lacy transparency, and its oak influence sits as lightly and deftly as a silk scarf on a warm shoulder. Excellent."

Fred Koeppel, Bigger Than Your Head.com January 9, 2012