



2009 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP SHIRAZ

Review Summary



90 pts “Open ferment and basket pressing are not at all common with a wine of this price. In May 2011 it still had a strong, deep purple-crimson color, subtlety not a strong point of this forthright expression of McLaren Vale. Instead it's loaded with blackberry, licorice, earth and dark chocolate. It is exceptional value for a wine with character stamped on it by the terroir of its birth, and will cruise through to the end of this decade in the unlikely event you haven't already drunk all that you purchased.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion 2013

88 pts “Inky ruby. Assertive aromas of black raspberry, cherry compote and licorice, bolstered by a lively mineral undertone. Lively and focused yet velvety, with a pliant texture to its dark berry flavors. Finishes with a fine dusting of tannins and a slight jamminess. This drinks well now.”

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

88 pts “Lithe and polished, brimming with raspberry and cherry flavors, with hints of slate and walnut as the finish lingers enticingly. This has youth and intensity.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
July 31, 2011

87 pts – Best Value \$25 and Under

Nick Stock
2012 Good Wine Guide

87 pts “Very pretty on the nose, peppery and ripe with smoke, dried meat and vanilla accents. This is rich but very well balanced in the mouth, showing fine blackberry, tinged with hints of game, black currant and fried bacon. The tannins are very soft lending this an easy drinking quality and the rich fruit pops on the back end before fading gently on the dry, austere refreshing finish. This wants a steak. Very nicely done.”

Gregory Dal Piaz, Snooth.com
February 2012



★★★ “The Stump Jump is one of those Aussie backyard essentials. Or now, with winter upon us, an open-in-front-of the-fire, unwrap-the-steak-sandwiches and wrap-your-laughing-gear-around-it kind of wine, yet still with genuine kitchen herb aromatics and a juicy palate with a handful of grip to make sure you've got a semi-serious red in your hand.”

**Tony Love - The Herald Sun, Taste, The Daily Telegraph & Courier Mail
May 2011**

“D'Arenberg's been making impressive reds for 100 years now; this one's got a lot of plummy oomph.”

**Ray Isle
Eatocracy.cnn.com
August 31, 2012**

“d'Arenberg's Stump Jump range delivers true regional flavors at a modest price. The Shiraz is all McLaren Vale its varietal fruitiness wrapped in savory tannins, managing to be full-flavored but not plump, and finishing fairly firm.”

**Chris Shanahan
The Sunday Canberra Times – “Top Drops”**

“Appearance – Purple to ruby at the edge, opaque. Aroma – Black cherries, black pepper, wet leaves, asparagus, bark. Taste – The blackest of juicy red fruit pushes up front, dryness only at the mid-palate, black pepper, mouth-coating viscosity, tangy and chewy. Finish – Mid length on the fruit, yet long on the dry tannins, pleasant.”

**Eve Bushman, EveWine101.com
December 2011**

“HONEST regional red wines are d'Arenberg's mainstay and this fits the bill. A nose of berry jam and plum, spice, typical d'Arenberg earthiness and chocolate leads into a smooth, medium bodied wine of real character. It has attractive intensity and some savory grip at the end, finishing long and aromatic.”

**Ralph Kyte Powell, The Age
April 2011**