



2009 d'ARENBERG THE FRUIT BAT SHIRAZ

Review Summary



93 pts “Almost impenetrable color; the bouquet exhibits a host of sweet black fruits, almost essence in character; the palate is loaded with sweet fruit, with a swag of tannin bringing up the rear and providing a chewy and dense finish.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2012**

93 pts “Inky ruby. Exotic aromas of red and dark berry preserves, cherry-cola, violet and spices. Plush and open-knit, offering deep dark fruit flavors and notes of candied flowers and allspice. Tannins build with air and add focus to a long, supple, sweet finish. This has the depth to age but drinks very easily now.”

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

91+ pts “Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2009 The Fruit Bat Shiraz has intense notes of warm plums, mulberries, dark chocolate and game plus a hint of baking spices and a whiff of prunes. Full bodied with a medium to firm level of chewy tannins, it has very good fruit concentration in the mid-palate and a long finish with the spice notes pleasantly seasoning the dried fruits. Drink it 2013 to 2022+.”

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

90 pts “Very firm, with a biting edge to the tannins, but also lovely blackberry and floral flavors that flow into the finish.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Insider
February 15, 2012**

“Shallow grey loam planted 1999. Got a bit of lift and also a floral edge, marzipan, dark fruit and dark chocolate. Chewy dry tannin, ferrous, rough and rugged – though a little below full bodied. Lots of presence and furry tannin to close. Don’t spare the horses! Some gritty tannin and dark bitter chocolate on the finish and a touch of warmth. No lack of character.”

**Gary Walsh, The Wine Front
November 2011**