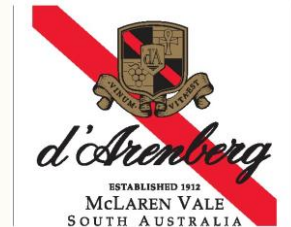




## 2012 d'ARENBERG THE DEAD ARM

### Review Summary



**95 pts** “It just goes to show that ‘big’ doesn’t have to mean either unbalanced or oak-driven. This is all or mostly about rich, black berried fruit and raking tannin, the end then lengthy and fresh. It’s not over-the-top but it’s not shy of its power and intensity. Earth, spice and ferrous notes churn though the tangy sweetness of the fruit. A long life is as good as guaranteed.”

**Campbell Mattinson**  
The Wine Front  
November 2015

**94 pts** “Shiraz in a very attractive guise here, this has a little peppery edge with red fruits, raspberry leaf and red liquorice too, plus a little boysenberry and a meaty edge. The palate has a core of dark plum flavor, cedary oak and a fine, savory tannin web; I like the freshness and concentration here.”

**Nick Stock**  
JamesSuckling.com  
February 12, 2016

**93 pts** “Youthful purple. Primary black and blue fruits, floral pastilles, Indian spices and vanilla on the deeply perfumed nose, with a smoky mineral quality adding urgency and lift. Sweet, deeply pitched boysenberry and cherry-cola flavors spread out impressively on the palate, picking up spiciness and a touch of mocha on the back half. This lush, broad, seamless Shiraz finishes with excellent clarity and smooth tannins that contribute structure and gentle grip.”

**Josh Raynolds**  
Vinous  
March 2016

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