



2007 d'ARENBERG THE FOOTBOLT SHIRAZ

Review Summary



91 pts - EDITORS' CHOICE "This is a lovely Shiraz at a great price. It delivers blueberry and espresso on the nose, then expands on those themes in the mouth, providing a pleasant interplay of sweet and savory. It's creamy in texture without being soft, and finishes with commendable length."

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
March 2010

90+ pts "The 2007 The Footbolt Shiraz which spent 20 months in French and American oak offers fragrant aromas of wood smoke, game, and blueberry. Layered and balanced, it will evolve for several years and drink well through 2019."

Jay Miller, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate
December 2009, Issue #186

90 pts "Pungent aromas of dark berry preserves, licorice and potpourri. Sweet, borderline-jammy black and blue fruit flavors provide very good palate coverage and are firmed by supple tannins. Finishes sweet, strong and persistent; this is already drinking well."

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2009

90 pts "In the regional spectrum of plums, blackberry and licorice aromas, this has an approachable, laid-back style to it. The palate offers punchy tannin chew and a decent serve of plum and berry flavor – what it lacks in finesse it makes up for with good hearted, earthy appeal."

Nick Stock
The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2010

90 pts "One of the most consistent, well-priced McLaren Vale reds, this sits right in the regional spectrum of plums, blackberry and licorice. The palate offers punchy tannin chew and a decent serve of plum and berry flavor in rustic, charming style. BBQ anyone."

Nick Stock, WINE 100 – Australia's Leading Independent Wine Guide
February 2010



87 pts “Firm and chewy, with a menthol note weaving through the dark berry and wet stone aromas and flavors, finishing solid.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
October 15, 2009

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“Brawny and structured, with intense black currant and deep plum fruit accented with earth, eucalyptus and peppery spice, with chewy tannins throughout. Needs to breathe. Ready to drink now and over the next 3-4 years.”

Robyn Tinsley, www.wineskinny.com
July 21, 2010

“The Footbolt typifies a traditional big Australian red. It has a dark color and an amazing depth of flavor, and it oozes notes of blackberry, plums and dark chocolate. The oak is there to add support, but it doesn’t dominate. It is a big wine that need big food, such as a hearty roast flavored with lots of garlic.”

Greg Duncan-Powell, Good Taste
September, 2010

90+ pts “This Oz winery creates brash, full-bodied, always intriguing reds. Big black cherry, cola, smoke, mint and blueberry aromas. The flavors are ripe, with a blueberry tart, smoky cedar, black cherry and plum delivery. Very engaging. **Food suggestion: *Rib-eye steak with blueberry sauce***”

Gord Stimmel
The Toronto Star
March 16, 2011