



2008 d'ARENBERG THE COPPERMINE ROAD

Review Summary



95 pts – Best of the Best by Variety “Deep color; an almost exotic concoction of ripe red and black fruits, licorice and thyme; the massive sweet spot of fruit delivers a rich and generous mouthful of flavor, with the assertive nature of the variety providing presence and contrast; an ample wine speaking of its origins in no uncertain terms.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2012

95 pts “Everything in place and lots of it. Leathery, earthy aromas with blue fruits and wild flowers. Palate steams with chewy, dusty tannins but is balanced by ripe, flavorsome dark fruit characters. Needs time, but impressive.”

Mike Bennie
Wine 100, WBM Magazine
May 2012

95 pts “d'Arenberg's finest release of the past year captures all the power and impenetrable depth of the estate, a mouth-embracing tannin onslaught, signature McLaren Vale savory allure, yet maintaining unashamed Cabernet definition, crunchy acidity and enduring energy.”

Tyson Stelzer;
Wine 100, WBM Magazine
May 2011

95 pts “Stacks of juicy blackcurrant fruit in this mighty wine from McLaren Vale. The nose shows intense dark fruits with a tobacco leaf lift and a little perfumed, violet-like character. The palate is dark and lavishly textured with ripe, mineral tannins and a cedary vanillin oak mix. It's a vibrant and lively wine with great presence and poise.”

Ray Jordan
The Weekend West – “Stunning Century”
March 2012



92 pts “Inky ruby. Complex aromas of dark berries, bitter chocolate, smoke, licorice and botanical herbs, plus an element of oak spice. Suave, supple and sweet, with good fleshiness and persistence to the subtle cherry and cassis flavors. Tannins build with air and add grip to the broad, sappy finish. This is showing a lot now but its structure tells me that it deserves at least five years of bottle aging.”

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

90 pts “The 2008 The Coppermine Road Cabernet Sauvignon presents a very deep garnet-purple color and earthy notes of loam and moss covered bark over warm black currant and blueberries, lavender and cloves. Full-bodied and ripe, it has crisp acid and medium-firm fine tannins. The finish is long with lingering notes of cloves and coffee.”

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

89 pts “Ripe and generous, this shows a layer of scratchy tannins around a plump core of currant, blackberry and creamy oak flavors, opening out nicely on the finish. Best after 2013. Tasted twice, with consistent notes.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
June 30, 2012

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International Wine and Spirits Competition 2011

Distinguished “This rich, full-bodied wine is renowned for its low-yield, violet blackcurrant aromas and high acidity. After vinification in headed-down open fermenters, fermentation is completed in barrel. 18 months maturation in new and old French oak follows . This is a classic Australian-style cabernet sauvignon, with a reputation for ageing. It shows mulberry, violet, cedar aromas with rich cassis, plum and dark chocolate flavors, muscular tannins and underlying savory oak. TOP VINTAGES: 2008, 2007, 2006, 2004, 2002, 2001, 1998, 1996.”

Gourmet Traveller WINE
Langton’s Classification
2010



“ . . . try d’Arenberg’s raspberry-tinted Cabernet Sauvignon Coppermine Road out of the McLaren Vale in Australia. This wine is huge, full of strawberry, black licorice, raspberry, cinnamon and allspice. There’s a ton of acidity and tannin, so perhaps a bit of cellaring would be in order.”

**Ben Weinberg; Unfined.com Blog - Wine Notes #147
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