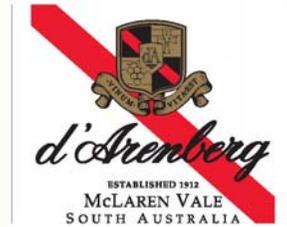


2008 d'ARENBERG THE DEAD ARM

Review Summary



97 pts “The vintage dictated this would be a riper and even more concentrated Dead Arm than usual. The powerful nose releases a wild mix of spices, floral notes and supersaturated dark plum, with a plum and mulberry balanced by dried herbs and savoriness. Long cellaring life ahead of little iodine and fennel. The gripping opening moves into the palate to reveal even more riches, with sweet it.”

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

96 pts – Best of the Best by Variety “Deep color; vivid hue; fresh black fruits, licorice, toasty oak and sappy complexity are all evident on the bouquet; the palate is dark and chewy, but falls short of being ponderous, as the wine progresses at an even and stately pace across the palate; excellent execution indeed.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
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, WBM Magazine
April 2013**

94 pts “Defying the warmth of 2008, there is an unnerving drinkability to the 08 Dead Arm—plenty of dark, wild berry fruit and brambly herbs, but tannins are supple and texture is slurpy in all that density. Very good Dead Arm. Built to cellar.”

**Mike Bennie, Wine 100, WBM Magazine
May 2012**



94 pts “The 2008 d'Arenberg Shiraz The Dead Arm is a superb effort in a difficult vintage. It's a deep, meaty Shiraz that delivers an exotic array of pepper, bramble, blood, and lavender like qualities that flow to a full-bodied, balanced, and long Shiraz that's kept vibrant and clean by juicy acidity and ripe tannin. It's certainly a fun drink now, yet it should evolve effortlessly for 12-15 years.”

Jeb Dunnuck, The Rhone Report
March 2012

92 pts “Glass-staining purple. Dark berries, licorice, Indian spices, violet and cocoa powder on the highly complex nose. Concentrated and tactile, with superb depth and noteworthy definition to the black cherry and dark berry preserve flavors. Wonderfully broad but lively on the long, sappy, penetrating finish. The tannins are chewy but in no way dry or hard. The wine's excellent fruit will allow for early drinking.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2010

92 pts “Tasted at the ‘One Family Tasting’ at the Imagination Gallery. This has a fine nose of blackberry, boysenberry, a touch of cedar and earth – much more reserved than I was anticipating, but also better delineation. The palate has a very peppery entry, good weight but not top heavy, good acidity with dense black licorice tinged fruit towards the finish. Very good length. Excellent.”

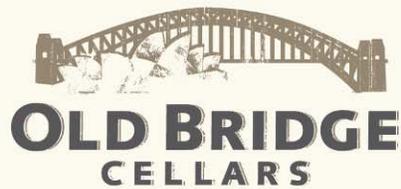
Neal Martin, www.erobertparker.com
May 2010

91 pts “Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2008 The Dead Arm Shiraz has a reduced rubber character to begin then pronounced aromas of warm blackberries, licorice, earth, thyme, moss and a whiff of game. Crisp, full and very concentrated in the mouth, it has firm, very fine tannins and a long earthy finish. Give it another year or two in bottle and drink it 2013 to 2020.”

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

90 pts - Cellar Selection “Concentrated and intense, this wine features a potent whack of oak on the nose, with dark fruit and mocha overtones. There are enough hints of bright, raspberry-tinged fruit to warrant optimism about its aging trajectory, but at the moment it is dark, heavy and slightly scorched.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
February 2013



90 pts “This fresh, open-textured Shiraz is generous with its currant and plum fruit, mingling harmoniously with spicy notes on the slightly chalky finish.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Insider
March 14, 2012

BEST SHIRAZ

Critics Challenge International Wine Competition
June 2013

TOP LUXURY SYRAH

Snooth’s People’s Voice Wine Awards 2012

GOLD MEDAL

China Wine & Spirits Awards 2013

CRITIC’S GOLD

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Mundus Vini International Wine Show 2011

“It’s dark and interesting, with earthiness and spiciness up front and layers and layers and layers of black fruit flavors after that... an absolutely amazing and complex wine that tastes of Australia and the McLaren Vale region, but isn’t over-ripe or over-alcoholic.”

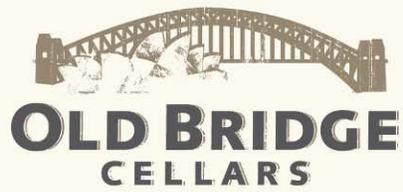
Jeff Siegel, WineCurmudgeon.com
July 12, 2013

“Made from d’Arenberg’s best Shiraz barrels, this muscular red gets its name from old, ‘one-armed’ grapevines.”

Food & Wine, Wine Guide
2013

“The heady aroma is both powerful and pretty with notes of fennel, purple flowers and blossom mingling with ripe, varietal purple fruits and black pepper. The oak is hardly evident which allows fruit and soil complexities to emerge with edges of rhubarb and red mulberry and savory characters of dried herbs, game and spice. The palate opens with anise, black pepper, graphite and restrained dark cherries before it gives way to seductive mulberry, plum, licorice and spice.”

Gregory Del Piaz, Snooth.com
November 2012



“This wine has the potential to mature into a classic’ suggested one judge. Lovely varietal aromas and a velvety tannin palate.”

**Winestate Magazine, World’s Greatest Syrah/Shiraz Challenge VII
October 2012**

