

2010 d'ARENBERG THE AMARANTHINE

Review Summary



95 pts “The 44-year-old vines are planted on an east-facing slope in the Beautiful View sub region with its loamy sand on limestone. Once again, the color is impeccable, the bouquet a mix of dark and milder chocolate and cooking spices; licorice joins the dark chocolate on the palate, which has delicious mouthfeel thanks to the very fine tannins.”

James Halliday, The Weekend Australian
September 15, 2012

93 pts “Inky purple. Black raspberry, fruitcake, espresso and cola on the highly perfumed nose, complemented by smoky oak. Plush and silky on entry, then energetic in the mid-palate, with bright minerality and tangy acidity giving shape and energy to the wine's blueberry, vanilla and mocha flavors. Finishes tactile and very long, with fine-grained tannins, alluring sweetness and very good lift.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July 2012

92 pts “Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2010 The Amaranthine Single Vineyard Shiraz is slightly reduced at the start but eventually gives way to ripe blueberry, black currant and black plum notes over tar, licorice, bacon and dried Mediterranean herbs. Full-bodied and densely packed with earthy, black berry flavors, the medium to firm level of grainy tannins and refreshing acid carry the wine to a long, pepper-laced finish.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Advocate
February 2013

91 pts “A racy style, with chewy tannins around a lithe core of blackberry, black pepper, licorice and tar flavors, coming together seamlessly.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
June 30, 2013

“Deep rich ruby color; tar and leather, briars and brambles; black cherries and plum pudding, very spicy; dense and chewy, freighted with velvety tannins and graphite minerality; the mineral and oak elements increase on the finish. Excellent.”

Fredric Koepfel, BiggerThanYourHead.net
January 23, 2014