



# 2010 d'ARENBERG THE NOBLE PRANKSTER CHARDONNAY SEMILLON

## Review Summary



**93+ pts - Very Good +** “This burnt-orange-colored sticky from Australia is a terrific dessert wine! It opens with a fragrant apricot bouquet with hints of raisin and orange. On the palate, this wine is full-bodied, balanced, and smooth. I really enjoyed its very tasty orange flavors with notes of apricot and hints of fig and a touch of raisin. It remains sweet in the end and fades away nicely. I would pair this impressive dessert wine with Great Hill Blue Cheese on a French baguette sliced thinly.”

**Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com**  
November 21, 2013

**93 pts**

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion**  
2012

**92 pts** “Silky, polished, rich and evocative, offering pear, quince paste, apricot and spice flavors galore as the finish slides deftly past. The flavors linger beautifully. Drink now through 2020.”

**Harvey Steiman, WineSpectator.com**  
2011

**90 pts** “Copper-tinted yellow. Pungent, highly aromatic bouquet evokes poached pear, beeswax, toffee and white flowers, along with subtle spiciness and a touch of candied peach. Sappy, sweet and palate-coating, with good energy to its nectar-like orchard and pit fruit flavors. The spicy note comes back on the finish, which leaves candied pit fruit notes behind. Shows good energy for a sweet wine.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar**  
July/August 2011

**DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL**

**Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo**  
**International Wine Competition 2011**



**GOLD MEDAL**

The New Zealand International Wine Show 2011 & 2012

**GOLD MEDAL**

Perth Royal Wine Show 2011

**HOT 100 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WINES** “It's over the top but wow, there's so much interest and complexity here – super concentrated, deeply coloured and gloriously perfumed. Superb show of richness in an unctuous, life-affirming sweet fluid. And so fresh! Deconstructed crème brulee with a purity that makes for super drinkability. Exotic honey, citrus rind and cut apricot make it a sinful, hedonistic pleasure.”

The Adelaide Review  
November 2013

**HOT 100 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WINES** “So much going on: rich textural and complex with amazing depth of flavor, honeyed sweetness, gingery spice and fine detail. Bursting with molten deliciousness, this is luscious and unctuous.”

The Adelaide Review  
October 2012

**Wine Judges First Place—Sweet Whites** “One of a range of sweeties from d'Arenberg, this little beauty is proud of its botrytis complexities, intense, concentrated and seamless with orange marmalade, vanilla and caramel flavors all harmonizing in a chorus that seems never to wane. With all that power, however, it finishes light and fresh - it's a perfect balance.”

Tony Love  
South Australian Wine of the Year 2011