



## 2009 d'ARENBERG STICKS AND STONES

### Review Summary



**96 pts** “The d’Arenberg Sticks & Stones 2009 has a hint of the medieval about it—dark, brooding and leathery. Best drunk in a smoky English tavern in 1354 while wearing chainmail. It improved with each glass and would cozy up well with a nice piece of steak. There’s a mineral streak running through the full, rich flavors with a fine, dry finish. A lovely experience.”

**Geelong Advertiser, Victoria**  
**April 2013**

**94 pts** “The only thing missing from this is the Iberian Peninsula's bulls (aka puppy dogs) tails. It has retained exceptional color and no less exceptional power, yet the red cherry fruits, supported by forest berries, are still vibrant, the tannins good.”

**James Halliday**  
**Australian Wine Companion**  
**2014**

**90 pts – Cellar Selection** “This vaguely Iberian-inspired blend starts off a bit rubbery and cola-like, but brightens with air into a briary blend of red and black berries. It’s full bodied and richly tannic, with ample astringency on the finish.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
**Wine Enthusiast**  
**April 2014**

**90 pts** “Tempranillo brings green herb edges to this blend with Grenache, roughing up the tannins to contrasts with the bright, juicy red fruit. It’s a mouthwatering match for braised tripe or other offal.”

**Joshua Greene**  
**Wine & Spirits Magazine**  
**October 2012**

**GOLD MEDAL**

**China Wine & Spirits Awards Best Value 2014**

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**Houston Livestock & Rodeo Competition 2012**