



2009 d'ARENBERG THE WILD PIXIE

Review Summary



91 pts - Year's Best Australian Shiraz "Roussanne does add a wildness to Shiraz's fruit flavors in this wine, a saturated raspberry brightness deepened by blackberry, blueberry...It's tightly structured, floral and finishes clean."

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits
October 2011

91 pts "Bright color; a fresh and lifted bouquet of blackberry pastille and licorice; the palate is juicy and medium bodied, with gravelly tannins appearing late in the piece."

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2012

90 pts – CELLAR SELECTION "This is surprisingly tough and tannic for a wine that incorporates 8% of a white variety. But those mouth-drying tannins give shape to the cassis, cranberry and black olive notes. Take a chance by cellaring this rather austere wine for five years or so and see how it develops."

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
September 2013

90 pts "I'd never heard of Roussanne but it sounded French and they know a thing or two about wine. It is a different grape variety used here to mix things up and they certainly achieved that."

Julie Hobbs
Geelong Advertiser
September 2012



90 pts “Vivid ruby. Red and dark berry preserves on the nose, with potpourri and spiced cake nuances adding complexity. Juicy and refreshingly brisk in the mouth, offering lively black raspberry and boysenberry flavors and a late note of candied licorice. Repeats the floral note on the persistent, energetic finish. This can be enjoyed now.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2011

90 pts “Blended of 94% Shiraz and 6% Roussanne, the 2009 The Wild Pixie Shiraz Roussanne gives a medium-deep garnet-purple color and notes of mulberries and warm blackberries over forest floor, damp loam, jasmine tea and cinnamon stick. Full-bodied with plenty of ripe fruit, it has a solid backbone of crisp acid and medium-firm chewy tannins, finishing long. Drink it now to 2015+.”

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

GOLD MEDAL

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo International Wine Competition
2011

“The nose reveals blueberry and violets leaping from the glass before a complex background of licorice and earthiness. The palate balances ripeness and elegance, exuding plum and blackberry notes before hints of smoked meats, forest floor and cinnamon stick are revealed. The earthy character is a real highlight as the palate builds nicely to a long finish.”

The Beverage Analyst
July 2014

“Earthy, licorice bouquet, very firm, grippy. tannic palate with long, rich flavors.”

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