



2011 d'ARENBERG THE FOOTBOLT Review Summary



89 pts “Clean, juicy, blackberried/rasberried red of medium intensity. Not to be written off. Peppery/leafy notes are the main give-away to the vintage. Has a simple, easy-going appeal.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2015

88 pts “Dark violet color. Spicy black and blue fruits on the perfumed nose, with suggestions of licorice, woodsmoke and mocha in the background. Tangy dark berry flavors show a hint of candied licorice, with a peppery note adding bite. Closes with dusty tannins coming in late and adding subtle grip to the lingering bitter cherry and berry skin flavors.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2014

87 pts “Dark and spicy, showing blackberry notes at the core, with savory spice and meat accents on the finish.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
July 2014

“The nose initially displays an enticing mix of red and black fruits. Mulberries, ripe raspberries and blackberries are very pure. Complexity is built through the layers of exotic spice that support this fruit. Nutmeg, cinnamon, clove and anise are all evident. And of course, it wouldn't be The Footbolt without that generous lick of d'Arenberg earth and game. There is an intrinsic warmth to this wine. The dark plummy fruit, leather and cedar notes are inviting, but it is the soil like tannins with a hint of chewiness that pull it all together for a long, gratifying finish.”

The Beverage Analyst
July 2014