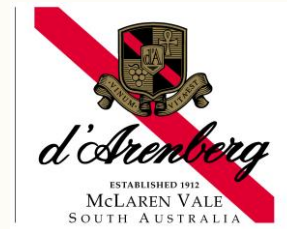




2010 d'ARENBERG THE BLIND TIGER

Review Summary



93 pts “Here the 87-year-old vines are planted on sandy loam over sand, but are in the Blewitt Springs sub-region. It is the most dense of all the wines in the group, with dark chocolate, licorice and blackberry swathed in ripe tannins, yet providing a twitch of juicy flavor on the finish.”

James Halliday
The Weekend Australian
September 15, 2012

93 pts “Glass-staining purple. An exotically perfumed bouquet displays dark fruit preserves, incense, cola and smoky Indian spices, with a sexy floral topnote. Broad, intense and focused, offering sweet blueberry and cassis flavors lifted by juicy acidity. Fine-grained tannins add shape and grip to a long, spice-accented finish. This flamboyant wine is surprisingly approachable now.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2012

92 pts “This wine starts off a bit tarry at first, with scents of asphalt and roasted meat that then give way to brighter notes of blackberry and vanilla. On the palate, it’s full, supple and rich, with a finish marked by hints of campfire and cherry.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
March 2015

92 pts “Really complex on the nose, with wild blueberries and black cherries accented by caramel, roasted coffee, eucalyptus and sweet flowers. Firm tannins, medium acid, this wine is loaded with flavor. The blueberry and black cherry fruit is pure and delicious, but it’s all backed up by roasted meat, kalamata olive and charcoal. There’s also this wild herb and earthy aspect that I find really attractive. A big wine worthy of a long decant. Very impressive stuff from 87-year-old vines grown in sand and clay soils.”

Isaac Baker
Terroirist.com
October 19, 2013



92 pts “Fresh and expressive, with vibrant raspberry jam and red plum flavors that play against grainy tannins, as well as some gravelly aromatics on the finish. This has presence, and evolves with each sip.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
June 30, 2013

“The nose is generous with rich, dark fruits especially plums mulberries, soot and dark olive. There is a more subtle second layer of root vegetables and a lifted aniseed character which provides an interesting note to the powerful fruit. Opulent plum and mulberry characteristics initially dominate the palate. Then the wine evolves with roasted beetroot, fennel and floral notes appearing. This wine is incredibly juicy and very long lasting. A real old vine concentration of soot, soil and dark olive comes through in this wine.”

The Beverage Analyst
July 2014

“Deep opaque ruby color; ripe and fleshy plums, black berries and black currants, spiced in a compote; very intense and concentrated yet among the most balanced and integrated of these shiraz wines; woody spice, almost exotic, dusty graphite and stacked-up tannins enlivened by blazing acidity. A huge wine but nothing austere. Excellent.”

Fredric Koepfel
BiggerThanYourHead.net
January 23, 2014