

## 2010 d'ARENBERG THE GARDEN OF EXTRAORDINARY DELIGHTS



## **Review Summary**

**96 pts** "Situated on the inland part of the McLaren Sand Hills sub region, the soil is sandy loam overlying sand and clay, the vines 42 years old. It's a particularly beautiful spot – hence the name. The wine shares the excellent color of the group, with a fragrant bouquet punctuated by soot/earth/olive nuances along with the black fruits. The palate soars and dives like a kite, with juicy fruit and a tannin mille-feuille that's perfectly pitched."

James Halliday The Weekend Australian September 15, 2012

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Joe Czerwinski Wine Enthusiast March 2015

**93 pts** "The most inland of Osborn's single-vineyard shirazes, this grows 490 feet up into the Sand Hills district on 42-year-old vines planted in sand over sandstone. This wine's powerful red fruit explodes out of a gunflint scent, its finish clearly delineated, focusing the flavors in an earthy direction. The fruit hold freshness against substantial alcohol, suggesting it will gain from cellar time."

Joshua Greene Wine & Spirits October 2013

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**93 pts** "Inky Opaque purple. Sexy, heady aromas of candied dark berries, incense and spice cake. Lush, palate-staining blackberry and blueberry flavors show outstanding depth and energy, with star anise and violet pastille nuances building in the glass. Finishes spicy and very long, with excellent clarity and sweetness."

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

**91+ pts** "From the Sand Hills sub-appellation in McLaren Vale. Nearly opaque purple/black in hue. Voluptuous scents of sweet blackberry, mulberry, and black plum join with a perfumed note of violets and eucalyptus. A palate-coating wine, it is velvety smooth through to the finish, pumping spicy black fruits seamlessly to the lingering afterflavor. While delicious now, it is still a babe, and should age well and bring pleasure over the next 10 to 20 years."

Glen Frederiksen WineLinesOnline.com October 5, 2013

**91 pts** "Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2010 The Garden of Extraordinary Delights Single Vineyard Shiraz has a nose of black cherries, spiced blueberries and red currants over hints of dried mulberries, allspice, black pepper and cedar. Full-bodied and richly fruited in the mouth, it has medium to high levels of velvety tannins, lively acid and finishes long with a slight herbal lift."

Lisa Perrotti-Brown Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate February 2013

"Deep ruby-purple color, magenta rim; ...a wine of enticing floral and spicy aromas wafting over its abyss of tannin and granitic minerals; very intense and concentrated black and red fruit but nicely knit and balanced for a highly structured wine. Excellent."

Fredric Koeppel BiggerThanYourHead.net January 23, 2014