



2010 d'ARENBERG J.R.O AFFLATUS Review Summary



94 pts “The naming of all these wines is pure Chester Osborn, and is explained at length on the website. The 102-year-old vines were planted by tee-totaller Joseph Rowe Osborn in the Beautiful View sub-region on sandy loam over clay. The bouquet is distinctly savory, with earth, spice and dark olive nuances, the palate multi-dimensional thanks to 3D tannins, yet finishing fresh and harmonious.”

James Halliday
The Weekend Australian
September 15, 2012

91+ pts “Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2010 J.R.O. Afflatus Single Vineyard Shiraz presents aromas of crushed cassis and wild blueberries with underlying cedar, yeast extract and Provencal herb nuances. Medium to full-bodied, it is very youthful and tightly knit in the mouth with a firm backbone of chewy tannins, medium to high acid and a long finish.”

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

91+ pts “Opaque ruby. Musky dark berry and cherry pit aromas are complemented by notes of candied licorice and violet. Offers sweet cassis and cherry-cola flavors that are firmed and lifted by tangy acidity. Fine-grained tannins give grip to a long, spicy and subtly sweet finish. This youthful wine deserves patience.”

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

91 pts “Produced from one of the original vineyards purchased by the Osborne family, this is medium to full bodied, with ample blackberry fruit framed by shadings of espresso and ground black pepper. The finish lingers, picking up hints of mocha and black olive.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
March 2015



91 pts “Hard-edged, with rocklike tannins around an aromatic core of black currant and licorice flavors, persisting impressively as the finish opens up.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
June 30, 2013

90 pts “In 1912 Joseph Rowe Osborn purchased this vineyard, which included the same vines his great grandson, Chester, made into this vivid, raspberry liqueur-scented shiraz. The stature of the wine gains from the concentrated fruit of 112-year old vines, reading as supple, integrated and firm. It should continue to gain complexity with age.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits
October 2013

“The nose on this wine is tight and restrained. There are hints of mulberries, violets and game starting to appear but it needs time to open up and will benefit from a few more years in bottle. These hundred + year old vines always produce fruit with aromatic style and lift so it will be worth the wait. The sandy soils give a certain elegance and grace to the palate. You’ll find meat and dark chocolate, dark olive black fruits and minerals balanced with long, chalky, textural tannins.”

The Beverage Analyst
July 2014

“Dark ruby color; very spicy and very floral with heaps of graphite and granitic minerality; blueberries and lavender; ripe, fleshy and meaty; tapenade and potpourri; but all tightly wound around flinty tannins and some wood influence. Excellent.”

Fredric Koeppl
BiggerThanYourHead.net
January 23, 2014