



## 2010 d'ARENBERG SHIPSTERS' RAPTURE

### Review Summary



**92 pts** “d’Arenberg wines are typically quite structured, so this wine’s full body and creamy texture come as a bit of a surprise. Earthy, loamy notes run alongside espresso, black olive and blueberry before finishing long and silky.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
Wine Enthusiast  
March 2015

**92 pts** “The vineyard was planted in 1969 on a steep, south-facing slope, the soil loamy sand on the limestone-based Blanche Point Formation. The bouquet is less voluminous than most of the other wines, with an almost flowery character, the palate a powerful, layered, dark berry core to the somewhat angular tannins.”

**James Halliday**  
The Weekend Australian  
September 15, 2012

**91+ pts** “Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2010 Shipsters’ Rapture Single Vineyard Shiraz opens with a slightly muted nose of red currants, red plums and cassis with whiffs of cedar, forest floor and charcoal. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is tightly wound and led by a structure of firm, somewhat astringent tannins, and a crisp acid line. It finishes long, though is a little hard and closed. It shows a lot of promise and may prove my score as overly conservative.”

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

**91 pts** “Distinctly floral, with violet overtones to the red berry and cherry flavors, this is smooth in texture and expressive right through the finish. A graceful, stylish wine that should develop nicely with cellaring.”

**Harvey Steiman**  
Wine Spectator  
June 30, 2013



**91 pts** “Opaque ruby. Brooding and slow to open, slowly giving up aromas of dark fruit preserves, woodsmoke, licorice and mocha. Brighter on the palate, which displays intense black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors and an exotic touch of singed orange. Closes on a warm, supple note, with very good power and clinging sweetness.”

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

“Upon release, Shipsters’ Rapture has a vivid, young, dense, purplered color. The nose shows enticing old fashioned spicy silage soil. Initially a little tight, with air there is the appearance of spice and flowery, mulberry notes. Deep, rich mulberries and plums are the feature fruits on the palate. There is also a very appealing volume of spice on the finish. The cooling influence of the steep vineyard has created a more focused, linear wine. There is a real density to the wine with lovely long, mineral vibrant tannins that really linger.”

**The Beverage Analyst**  
**July 2014**

“Dark ruby color with a magenta rim; a big hit of woody tannins, scintillating granitic minerals and intense and concentrated red and black fruit; earth and underbrush, tough as iron, dense austere finish. Very Good+ with perhaps Excellent potential.”

**Fredric Koeppe**  
**BiggerThanYourHead.net**  
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