



## 2010 d'ARENBERG THE LITTLE VENICE

### Review Summary



**95 pts** “One of the more approachable of the d’Arenberg single-vineyard collection of wines, this opens with notes of brown sugar, tarry fruit and bright cassis. It’s full bodied and creamy in texture, with flavors of mocha, cassis and vanilla that culminate in a long, dusty finish.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
Wine Enthusiast  
March 2015

**93 pts** “The soil is shallow brown earth over a limestone base. Deep, bright purple-crimson; fuller and deeper than the Fruit Bat, with plum, black fruits, licorice in a layered tapestry, finishing with ripe but firm tannins.”

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

**92+ pts** “With a deep purple color, the 2010 The Little Venice Single Vineyard Shiraz offers a fruit-forward nose of ripe black cherry and blueberry notes intermingled with baking spices, star anise, and chocolate box aromas. This medium to full-bodied wine is well-poised in the mouth, has a medium to firm level of rounded tannins and lively acid that gives a backbone to the expressive fruit, and has great persistence on the finish.”

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

**92 pts** “Glass-staining purple. Powerful aromas of cherry liqueur, blueberry, cola and licorice, with a peppery topnote. Lush and deeply pitched, offering ripe dark fruit flavors and a touch of bitter chocolate. Becomes spicier with air and finishes on a palate-numbing note of Szechuan peppercorn, with excellent cut and length.”

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



**90 pts** “Firm in texture, showing tightly wound tea leaf-accented blackberry and dusky spice flavors coming together on the expressive finish, with crunchy tannins.”

**Harvey Steiman**  
**WineSpectator.com**  
**2013**

“Very dark ruby-purple color; plums and black currants inlaid with graphite, lead pencil, cedar and iron filings; quite dry with grainy dusty tannins and pronounced earthiness. Very Good+.”

**Fredric Koeppl**  
**BiggerThanYourHead.net**  
**January 23, 2014**

