



2012 d'ARENBERG SHIPSTERS' RAPTURE

Review Summary



94 pts “From a small vineyard owned by Henry Shipster before its sale to d'Arenberg, the vines dating back to the 1890s in the Beautiful View district. Uncompromisingly full-bodied, with sombre black fruits, tar, licorice, bitter chocolate and dusty tannins.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2016

93 pts – Top 40 Australian Shiraz of the Year “Last replanted in 1969, this 3.7 acre, south-facing site is loam and sand over limestone. The minerality of the wine is compelling, pointing up scents of star anise, roasted meats and crushed stone. What’s appealing about the wine is that it isn’t dense or compacted, leaving some space within the structure for food. That’s not to say it isn’t juicy and complete, with bold flavors of peach and pomegranate to match all the meaty spice. Decant it for lamb on the grill.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits
October 2014

92+ pts “Bright purple. Pungent aromas of dark fruit liqueur, licorice, violet and smoky minerals. Densely packed, sweet and penetrating, showing very good heft to its smoky cassis, candied licorice and fruitcake flavors. Finishes ripe and long, with big, chewy tannins gaining strength with air. The most backward of this set of wines right now and in need of patience.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2014