OLD BRIDGE CELLARS

2012 d'ARENBERG THE FOOTBOLT

Review Summary

92 pts/BEST BUY/YEAR'S BEST AUSTRALIAN SHIRAZ "A great vintage of The Footbolt, this has the balance, savory spice and density of an old-vine wine (all estate grown, the vines ranging from 20 to 100 years old). The flavors come in any color you like, as long as it's black – black plum skin, black olive, black pepper – their intensity lightened by a floral note that lasts."

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2016

91 pts/Editors' Choice "This is made in an earthy-savory style, offering hints of roasted meat, black olives and espresso. It's also firmly constructed, with firm tannins that suggest a couple of years of cellar time would do it some good."

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
December 2016

90 pts "Deep ruby. Powerful, smoke-tinged aromas of black and blue fruits, anise, black cardamom and espresso. Rich yet lively on the palate, offering bitter cherry, blackberry and dark chocolate flavors and a building note of sweet floral pastilles. Dusty tannins give grip and focus to the long, smoke-tinged finish, which leaves cherry and berry skin notes behind. This year's version of this bottling comes off as more serious and ageworthy than usual."

Josh Raynolds
Vinous
March 2016

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90 pts "Good color; a powerful wine, with earthy, savory overtones to the black fruits and firm tannins; licorice also plays a role in the bouquet and palate. Top stuff for bbq or pizza."

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2016

89 pts "This fresh and vital red has presence, with a raw edge to the generous core of black cherry and black tea flavors, which persist gently against nubby tannins along with a green almond note."

Harvey Steiman
WineSpectator.com
2015

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