

2013 d'ARENBERG THE DEAD ARM

Review Summary



96 pts “Smackingly great Shiraz from one of Australia’s leading wine-makers. If you want to impress, pull out one of these from your cellar or hand over as an end of year gift.”

Peter Chapman
Queensland Times
November 2016

95 pts “Crushed and destemmed, cultured yeast, open fermented with heading down boards, followed by up to 18 months in French oak. Inky purple-crimson hue; a powerful archetypal d’Arenberg Shiraz, swimming with black fruits of every description, dark chocolate and a generous helping of chewy tannins.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2017

93 pts “Inky ruby. Heady, smoke-accented blueberry, cassis, violet and vanilla aromas show excellent clarity and a hint of allspice. Sweet and broad in the mouth, offering concentrated black and blue fruit and floral pastille flavors plus a building suggestion of mocha. Closes with emphatic spicy cut, an echo of candied flowers and smooth, harmonious tannins that sneak in late.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
October 2017

92+ pts “The 2013 The Dead Arm Shiraz has a deep garnet color and a nose of chocolate-covered cherries, cassis and eucalypt with touches of mocha and bay leaves. The medium to full-bodied palate is rich and soft with a crazy backbone of lively acid cutting through the intense flavors and a nice, long mint-patty finish.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate
August 2017



90 pts/Cellar Selection “Of dizzying array of wines from this winery, The Dead Arm is top of the heap and is characteristically a big, broody beast of a wine that needs many years of bottle age before cracking open. The 2013, even at five-years-old, is no exception. Nearly inky-black in color, it ekes out notes of dark berries, dried oregano, roasted beets, furniture polish, dark chocolate and coffee grounds. Big leathery, savory tannins hit you full force on the palate and they’re matched by equally sizable dark fruit and toasty mocha flavors. Give this wine more time to really shine.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
August 2018

5 Stars “Aromas of blackberry, dark chocolate, complex fruit, clove and dried spice aromas. In the mouth, fleshy wine with more generosity than the 2012 caraway, Indian spices, more meaty savory with a jammy plummy drive and a chalky, sandy finish of youth.”

Rob Geddes MW
Australian Wine Vintages 2017: 34th Edition

4.5 Stars “Deep, dense red/purple color. The bouquet is savory, woody and sousbois-like. It’s a big, full-bodied, bold wine loaded with oak and tannin, but managing to deliver a round, smooth, rich palate. A trace of raisin. Big, solid, rich wine, with a fair degree of chew.”

Huon Hooke
HuonHooke.com
2017

Outstanding “This is the best Dead Arm I’ve tasted in years. Deeply colored and prodigiously so, it has aromatics of spice, mocha and dark fruits. The palate has tannic grip and strength, and many years before it. Long length, typicity and balance on the finish confirms that this is an outstanding release.”

Sean Mitchell
Grape Observer
November 2016

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Sydney International Wine Competition 2017

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China Wine & Spirits Awards ‘Best Value’ 2017

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New Zealand International Wine Show 2016