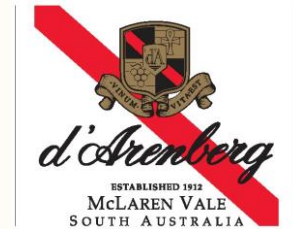


## 2014 d'ARENBERG THE DEAD ARM

### Review Summary



**97 pts** “Mulberry and ripe plum nose, layers of flavor as one is peeled back another comes to the fore. It’s a wine to sip, savor and appreciate, somehow descriptive words seem scarce, the enjoyment in the mouth overriding words in the mind. It’s long stretching in a lazy way from beginning to end, the pleasure points beautifully caressed as the wine flows across them.”

**Tony Keys, The Key Report**  
June 10, 2017

**97 pts** “If you haven’t been to d’Arry’s in McLaren Vale, you really haven’t lived. This iconic little restaurant is a must visit – great food and great wines. The Dead Arm is the pinnacle and this elegant 2014 is as stylish and refined as any released. Supremely balanced with a deep palate intensity that is controlled and effortlessly long. A wine that will live for many years yet is drinking so beautifully now.”

**Ray Jordan, The West Australian**  
2017

**96 pts** “The Dead Arm Shiraz is one of the most iconic wines of McLaren Vale... On the nose there is a concentration of plum that gives way to star anise and cured meat, oak is there but very much secondary. Taut black fruits and redcurrant are the first impression on the palate, with bay leaf, coffee grinds and gentle oak spice that gain a touch of blue fruit on the mid palate before a web of drying tannin put it back in its place. The finish is all class, lightly spiced plum and dark cherry are wrapped in woodsmoke and earth. The length is significant.”

**Patrick Eckel, Wine Reviewer**  
May 10, 2017

**95 pts** “Deep crimson-purple; ultra full-bodied and densely packed with the darkest black fruits, licorice, 70% cacao dark chocolate and ripe tannins. Will live forever.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion**  
2018



**94 pts** “Still primary, this wine’s wild blueberry and basil scents give it the feel of summer. Chester Osborne’s top selection of old-vine shiraz, this vintage of Dead Arm smells earthy and tastes dynamic, its black fruit density matching its gripping mineral intensity. Fresh, brisk and open, this has detail in its tannins that will continue to feed complexity into the wine as it ages.”

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine**  
**October 2018**

**94 pts** “The d’Arenberg wine range is giddying in its scope now, so much so that I don’t know what is meant to be flagship, so in my mind, and I guess many, this, Dead Arm, is The One. Good year for red wines from The Vale. It’s powerful, chewy, densely packed with dark fruits, warm spice, cedary licks and gritty tannins. It’s quite tight and firm in its present stage, but has the feel of pent up McLaren Vale shiraz that can go a distance. Perfume holds the invite in blackcurrant, cholicorice bullets, twigs-briar and fireplace wood scents, violets. Good release here. Very good, indeed.”

**Mike Bennie, The Wine Front**  
**May 23, 2017**

**92+ pts** “Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2014 The Dead Arm Shiraz offers expressive blueberry, blackberry and licorice notes with hints of Provence herbs, tapenade, garrigue and cracked black pepper. Medium to full-bodied, the palate provided a taut backbone of firm, grainy tannins and refreshing acidity packed with black fruit and earthy flavor layers, finishing long.”

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

**92 pts** “A chewy and rich red with tannic and berry character. Dark chocolate and walnut undertones. Medium to full body, bright acidity and a clean and flavorful finish.”

**Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com**  
**July 17, 2017**

**DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL**

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**5 Stars**

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