

## 2014 d'ARENBERG THE LAUGHING MAGPIE

### Review Summary



**92 pts** “Wines from d’Arenberg always offer up a lot of fun, starting with their quirky names and interesting labels. But make no mistake: This is a top-shelf winery that excels at every price level in the portfolio. This nicely mature current release shows plenty of punch to identify it as an Aussie Shiraz, but time in bottle plus a little dollop of Viognier add real complexity and class, with almost no overt wood. Very polished tannins lend enough grip to the finish to enable this to work well with a rack of Australian lamb, but it is so versatile that it would also pair very nicely with pork, duck or veal.”

**Michael Franz**  
Wine Review Online  
October 29, 2019

**91 pts** “It’s sweet-fruited, soft, round and mouth-filling. It offers a gobful of fruit. Raspberry jam, blueberries, anise and leather, though fresh, very fresh. It bounces around the mouth. Sweet floral aromatics and indeed flavors are here in abundance too. It’s heady and generous and fun.”

**Campbell Mattinson**  
The Wine Front  
January 2019

**91 pts** “A shiraz that shows lots of licorice, brambleberries, charcoal, ash and dried sage. Medium to full body, grainy tannins and a chewy finish.”

**Nick Stock**  
JamesSuckling.com  
August 15, 2018

**90 pts** “This shiraz is cofermented with six percent viognier, brightening the wine’s floral scents and adding an orange-oil note to the red fruit. It’s dense and soft, but finishes clean, with an herbal edge; for grilled lamb.”

**Joshua Greene**  
Wine & Spirits Magazine  
October 2019



**88 pts** “Blended of 94% Shiraz and 6% Viognier, the 2014 The Laughing Magpie Shiraz / Viognier has a medium to deep garnet-purple color and a fragrant nose of roses and tar over a core of crushed blackberries and blueberry pie plus hints of baker’s chocolate and bay leaves. Medium-bodied and tautly contracted, it has a fine backbone of rounded tannins and plenty of freshness, finishing long with some peppery notes coming through.”

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

**DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL**

**China Wine & Spirits Awards 2018**

**GOLD MEDAL**

**London Wine Competition 2019**