

## 2015 d'ARENBERG THE LAUGHING MAGPIE

### Review Summary



**93 pts** “Black and red-licorice aromas with hints of graphite and dark berries. Crushed stone. Full-bodied, layered and beautiful. Very stylish and intense.”

**Nick Stock**  
**JamesSuckling.com**  
**June 26, 2019**

**92 pts – Very Good+** “This slight opaque and dark ruby colored Shiraz based wine opens with a fragrant new leather, blackberry, boysenberry, and black olive bouquet. On the palate, this wine is full bodied, juicy and savory. The flavor profile is a very tasty complex blend of blackberry and refined minerality along with notes of stewed plum, black tea and black pepper. I also detected hints of black olive and oak in the aftertaste. The finish is dry and its dusty tannins stick around for a very long time. This Shiraz could benefit from some decanting in the near term. I would pair this wine with braised short ribs.”

**Ken Hoggins**  
**KensWineGuide.com**  
**January 9, 2020**

**90 pts/Year’s Best McLaren Vale** “Chester Osborn’s tribute to the kookaburra, a black bird with a white stripe, the Laughing Magpie blends some white grapes (viognier) in the fermenter with shiraz. That viognier points up the spicy perfume as well as the tannic weight of the shiraz, a bloody, meaty, iron-bound combination that’s rich and savory.”

**Joshua Greene**  
**Wine & Spirits Magazine**  
**February 2020**

**90 pts** “d’Arenberg’s 2015 The Laughing Magpie Shiraz Viognier reveals the Viognier component on the nose, offering up hints of apricot alongside the main aromas of black olives and blueberries. Over time, those stone-fruit notes will fade, so if that’s your jam, catch this wine over the next year or so. If you prefer a more conventional Shiraz profile, hold the wine for 3-4 years. It’s certainly got the stuffing for that and more, offering a medium to full-bodied palate, a rich, almost creamy mouthfeel packed with ripe tannins and a lingering finish.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
**Robert Parker Wine Advocate**  
**May 14, 2020**



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