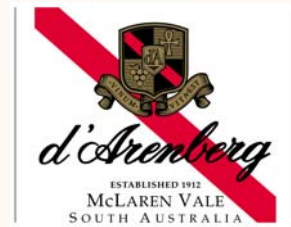


2005 d'ARENBERG VINTAGE FORTIFIED SHIRAZ

Review Summary



91 pts “Opaque black-ruby. Ripe plum and blackberry aromas are complicated by roasted coffee and licorice. Gentle and creamy in texture, with sweet dark berry flavors displaying a liqueur-like aspect but betraying no heat. A trace of warmth builds on the long, juicy finish, which features impressively pure blackberry and cassis. Delicious stuff.”

Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2007, Issue 133

90 pts “Impenetrable color; neutral spirit, with blackberry, dark chocolate and anise flavors; not too sweet; dodgy cork a real challenge for future development.”

James Halliday
2009 Wine Companion

88 pts “For a vintage- style fortified, this wine’s color is appropriately intense and dark, but the tannins are somewhat tame. Hints of mint and chocolate pop up, adding modest complexity, but the bold cassis and plum fruit is framed instead by its crisp acids, suggesting a rather early drinking window, perhaps 2013-2020 or so.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
February 2011