



2006 d'ARENBERG THE FOOTBOLT SHIRAZ

Review Summary



94 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “Full-bodied, strongly regional style, but without excess alcohol or any dead fruit; attractive mix of blackberry, dark chocolate and a touch of spicy/toasty oak; ripe tannins.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2010

92 pts – 100 Best Buys of 2009 “Pure McLaren funk: You can smell the soil in this wine, and you can taste it as well. That intriguing earthiness underscores the bold red fruit, almost vermilion in brightness when first poured, darkening to anise and pomegranate with air. The tannins are youthfully tough, needing a few years of bottle age to resolve. Named for Joseph Osborn's favorite racehorse, this wine is made from old-vine shiraz, foot-trod and basket pressed before finishing its fermentation in barrel.”

Wine and Spirits Magazine
October 2009

90+ pts “Lastly, the 2006 The Footbolt Shiraz (which contains a bit of Grenache) offers fragrant aromas of wood smoke, game, and blueberry. Layered and balanced, it will evolve for several years and drink well through 2017.”

Jay Miller
Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate
August 2008, Issue 178 “Value Wines”

90 pts “Inky ruby. Powerfully scented aromas of high-pitched red berries, cherry and minerals. Deep black raspberry and candied blueberry flavors coat the palate and are given support by fine-grained tannins. Finishes silky, sweet and long, with very good clarity and cut.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
Sept/Oct 2008



89 pts “Firm, with an intriguing overtone of violet to the dark berry and cherry fruit. There’s a layer of grippy tannins, but the fruit wins out on the finish.”

**Wine Spectator
Best Values Australia
May 31, 2009**

87 pts

Wine Enthusiast Online, July 1, 2009

TOP 100 WINES OF THE YEAR - #17

**Wine.com
December, 2009**

SILVER MEDAL

2009 Sommelier Challenge

“Medium garnet in color, this wine smells of cassis and blackberries with a sour cherry overtone. In the mouth the wine offers blackberry and sour cherry flavors with woody tannins and nice acidity. Less complexity or depth to the fruit than there could be. Score: around 8.5.”

**Alder Yarrow, Vinography.com
April 10, 2010**

4 ½ STARS “Honest, old fashioned McLaren Vale traits are at the core of d’Arenberg’s red wines. You can smell the earth in this typical example, and spicy berry aromas meet chocolatey notes in an appealing combination. The palate has agreeable texture, persistent berry flavour, attractive smoothness and fine tannins. An excellent regional red.”

**Ralph Kyte-Powell
The Age, May 2009**

TOP PICK - Australian Shiraz \$20 and less

“The d’Arenberg family’s wine legacy in McLaren Vale dates back to the early 1900s. Chester Osborn is its current head. Workhorse bottling Stump Jump is a great everyday food wine. Subtle nose of ripe fruit with rich, New World leanings; balanced and not overblown. Just as good a value is the serious 2006 d’Arenberg Footbolt McLaren Vale Shiraz.”

**Lynne Char Bennett
San Francisco Chronicle & SFGate.com
June 14, 2009**