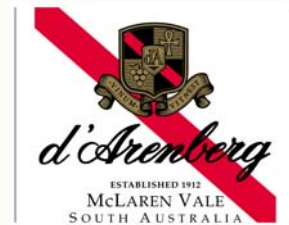




2009 d'ARENBERG FOOTBOLT SHIRAZ

Review Summary



94 pts “Superb, bright clear crimson; it’s not the first thing that normally comes to mind with d'Arenberg, but this is an elegant, fine, medium bodied wine’ the fruits are more in the red than black spectrum, and it is spice more than dark chocolate that joins the fruit, oak and tannins, all perfectly weighted.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion 2013

92 pts “This iconic McLaren Vale winery is commemorating its centenary and is celebrating with this outstanding under \$20 red. Full plum, savory and earthy aromas dominate a fruit spectrum of cherry and plum on mid to full bodied palate.”

Jeff Collerson, Sydney Daily Telegraph
May 2012

89 pts “This fresh, vibrant red is a juicy zinger of cherry and spice flavors that dance against refined tannins and lively acidity.”

Harvey Steiman, winespectator.com
2012

88 pts - Year’s Best Australian Shiraz – Best Buy “Showing the sweetness of its oak in caramelized scents of black walnuts, this wine’s old-vine fruit is savory, as are its grape skin tannins. The fennel and anise scents in the finish will accent grilled fennel sausages.”

Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits
October 2011

88 pts “Bright violet. Dried cherry, blackberry, smoked meat and violet on the nose. Pungent, palate-staining dark berry flavors show a wild, musky quality and pick up spiciness with air. Repeats the smoky note on a firm and nicely persistent finish.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2011



87 pts “Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2009 The Footbolt Shiraz has pronounced notes of creme de cassis, ripe plums and blueberry preserves with hints of tree bark and toast. Medium-full bodied and very crisp on the palate, it has medium-firm chewy tannins and a good amount of warm berry flavors lingering long into the finish. Drink it now through 2015+.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, eRobertParker.com
December 23, 2011

“d’Arenberg 2009 "Footbolt" (\$18) is an affordable, yet impressive wine with surprisingly smooth mouthfeel and a delicious blend of fruit and spice flavors. Named after a race horse that earned the D’Arenberg family large sums of money partly used to fund their wine business, this wine is a genuine winner as well.”

Mark P. Vincent, Metro Daily West News – “Wine Wisdom: Say g’day to Aussie wines?”
October 24, 2012

“With aromas of ripe fruit and sweet vanilla from oak, this wine has savory notes and medium-grained tannins. Evolves to express milk choc-olate aromas the next day.”

The Boston Globe – “By The Glass: Australian shiraz offers more than cheap and cheerful red”
September 25, 2012

“Still Australia’s favorite grape, this is a versatile food wine, matching with heavier meals such as steak, sausages and braises. **BEST MATCHES:** steak, poultry, mild meat curries, slow cooked ragu, mature cheeses such as cheddar. **TOP PICK** The Footbolt has berry and licorice notes that go with grilled beef scotch fillet.”

Patrick Haddock, Good Taste – The Pair Essentials
September 2011