

2012 d'ARENBERG THE DEAD ARM

Review Summary



96 pts “Classic release. Meaty and substantial, but poised. Blackberried, smoked herbs, crushed ants and earth. Sweet fruit rushes and fills; savory notes sweep through the flanks. Firm but exuberant. Irrepressible.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2017

95 pts “Very deep, dark, dense red color with both black and purple tints. The wine is super-ripe and rich to sniff, with borderline porty characters, black olives and black berries. A biggie, but also balanced and rich and lush, with generous helpings of everything. Licorice and black olive tapenade to finish. It retains life and freshness despite its massive size. A fun-filled glass of shiraz.”

Huon Hooke
HuonHooke.com
April 2016

95 pts “It just goes to show that ‘big’ doesn’t have to mean either unbalanced or oak-driven. This is all or mostly about rich, black berried fruit and raking tannin, the end then lengthy and fresh. It’s not over-the-top but it’s not shy of its power and intensity. Earth, spice and ferrous notes churn though the tangy sweetness of the fruit. A long life is as good as guaranteed.”

Campbell Mattinson
The Wine Front
November 2015

94 pts “Shiraz in a very attractive guise here, this has a little peppery edge with red fruits, raspberry leaf and red liquorice too, plus a little boysenberry and a meaty edge. The palate has a core of dark plum flavor, cedary oak and a fine, savory tannin web; I like the freshness and concentration here.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
February 12, 2016



93 pts “d’Arenberg has gained a very strong reputation for their ‘The Dead Arm’ bottling over the years. This brooding color yields aromatics of black olive, white pepper, creosote and black cherry. This leads to dense flavors of mocha, cassis, black cherry and serious grip. The balance and richness is there.”

**International Wine Report
July 2016**

93 pts “Youthful purple. Primary black and blue fruits, floral pastilles, Indian spices and vanilla on the deeply perfumed nose, with a smoky mineral quality adding urgency and lift. Sweet, deeply pitched boysenberry and cherry-cola flavors spread out impressively on the palate, picking up spiciness and a touch of mocha on the back half. This lush, broad, seamless Shiraz finishes with excellent clarity and smooth tannins that contribute structure and gentle grip.”

**Josh Raynolds
Vinous
March 2016**

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Sydney International Wine Competition 2017

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New Zealand International Wine Show 2015

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McLaren Vale Wine Show 2015

“Inky dark, big, rich and cuddly: this is the type of wine that made Aussie shiraz famous. Notes of dark fruits, ink, tar and rich spiciness; tilled earth, liquorice and a minerally undercurrent. Dense and very powerful with a long finish, but avoids being over the top. Definitely a treat purchase and will cellar well but awfully hard to resist now!”

**Mark Henderson
Otago Daily Times
July 27, 2016**