

2017 d'ARENBERG THE FOOTBOLT

Review Summary



93 pts “Blackberry and blueberry with graphite aromas follow through to a full body, round and velvety tannins and a polished finish. Compact and fine-grained.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
June 26, 2019

92 pts/TOP 100 BEST BUYS/YEAR'S BEST McLAREN VALE

“The Osborn family has been growing grapes for more than 100 years, ever since John Osborn sold his collection of racehorses, including Footbolt, to buy their original vineyards. During the South Australia government-sponsored vine pull of the 1980s, d’Arry Osborn and his son, Chester, bought up a lot of old vineyards and continue to preserve them today. The Footbolt includes fruit from vines aged 20 to 100 years, traditionally fermented and blended into a supple, black-fruited wine of gentle power. Umami undertones of roasted meat and mushrooms warm the tannins, while the clean, rich fruit lasts. This will bring some sophistication to a cookout.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
February 2020

91 pts “Footbolt” is named in honour of the racehorse that founder Joseph Osborn had to sell in order to start the d’Arenberg winery in 1912. Since 1912, the Osborn family has farmed vineyards in the McLaren Vale. Full-bodied and a perfect match to grilled skirt steaks. Rich and vibrant with blackberry, blueberry, flinty and savoury spice flavours on the palate. Tannins are velvety.”

Natalie Maclean
Nataliemaclean.com
September 24, 2020



90 pts “Deep, dark colour and a powerful aroma of rich berry fruits, spicy shiraz characters and some subtle herbal, possibly bunchy overtones. A charmingly fragrant, vibrant shiraz, elegant and disarmingly fruity, detailed and already very approachable. This is one of the better Footbolts I’ve tasted.”

Huon Hooke
The Real Review
May 23, 2019

95 pts/GOLD MEDAL

McLaren Vale Wine Show 2019

90 pts/GOLD MEDAL

London Wine Competition 2020

GOLD MEDAL

China Wine & Spirits Awards 2019