

**d'ARENBERG
NV THE PEPPERMINT Paddock
SPARKLING RED**

Review Summary



TOP PICK “This iconic McLaren Vale winery produces a Sparkling Shiraz that captures the essence of the region. It’s vibrant, with intense blackberry flavors and a touch of mint, making it a standout choice for festive celebrations.”

Teri Wheeler
GlassofBubbly.com
December 2023

94 pts “I remember this wine as a nascent wine lover, the traditional chambourcin being joined by the more robust and Mediterranean-inclined graciano these days. No lack of punch, nor froth. Delicious in a carnal sort of way: rhubarb, amaro bitters, ground pepper, dill and sour black cherry, all succulent and savory as a wonderful meld of poise and mindless joy. Mouthfilling and mercifully, perceptibly dry.”

Ned Goodwin MW
Halliday Wine Companion
August 2021

95 pts “Looking for something to start off the meal with a spark? Try this flavorsome sparkling red. The name reflects the slight mint flavor that underlines the red fruits. Loved it.”

Peter Chapman
Queensland Times
November 2016

93 pts “This sparkling red has many different levels of richness and complexity but still maintains the acidic brightness we’ve come to expect in this genre. The winemakers have even added some vintage port to the wine to take it to another level.

Leanne Churchill
Geelong Advertiser
April 2013



91 pts "Using the Chambourcin variety - virtually a trademark sparkling red for this brand - the first attention grabber here is its wild crimson color, followed by earthy and tobacco like aromas, the savories and light tannin touch adding interesting complexities."

Tony Love
The Advertiser
December 2008

Top 10 "An often underestimated style, the judges found this sparky young, fresh and bright. Among an array of intense briary fruits and herbs there's a raw and yeasty character. The palate has a spiciness that is attention grabbing and the wine is super fleshy on the finish with a pulpy feel of fruit tannin. Jovial and jolly like an intense and dark Brachetto."

Adelaide Review Hot 100 SA Wine Show
November 2011

"It pours a jubei garnet color with plenty of bubbles. They disappear relatively quickly though leaving more of a spritz type wine. The aroma is dark berry and sweet like a Boysenberry & Vanilla Bean Weis Bar. Flavors of eucalyptus and the slight foxy character dominate the palate while it's super chilled and straight from the fridge. The tannins are strong too. The winemaker suggests the optimum drinking temperature is about 8 degrees. Let this wine warm up & out roll the dark berries, liquorice and plums balancing the palate right up. Spot on Chester! This is a really cool wine. Different to anything I've tried before and totally food friendly!"

TheWinesmith.com.au
October 2016

"It's typical of a winery as quirky as d'Arenberg to take Chambourcin and make it sparkle. Its aromas are initially restrained and dry, dominated by a mix of licorice and spice plum pudding notes with a sweet, seductive array of small red fruit flavors. The finish is dry with plenty of strong red fruit flavors that linger."

Karl Stockhaven, Christian Gaffey, Chris Barnes
Wine Selector
September 2011