

THE DEAD ARM

Shiraz 2013

McLaren Vale, Shiraz (100%)

Blue Gold

Sydney International Wine Competition
2017

Gold

New Zealand International Wine Show
2016

Outstanding

Langton's Classification of Australian Wine

Gold Medal

China Wine & Spirits Awards - Best Value
2017

5.0 Stars

Rob Geddes MW
Australian Wine Vintages 2017
Aromas of blackberry, dark chocolate, complex fruit, clove and dried spice aromas. In the mouth, fleshy wine with more generosity than the 2012 caraway, Indian spices, more meaty savoury with a jammy plummy drive and a chalky, sandy finish of youth.

5.0 Stars

John Lewis
Newcastle Herald
With 14.6 per cent alcohol, it is inky purple and has a forest floor nose and big, rich plum front palate flavour. Rhubarb, dark chocolate, cloves and nutty oak meld on the middle palate and the finish has chalky tannins.

96 Points

Peter Chapman
Queensland Times
Smackingly great Shiraz from one of Australia's leading wine-makers. If you want to impress, pull out one of these from your cellar or hand over as an end of year gift.

95 Points

James Halliday
The Australian Wine Companion 2017
Crushed and destemmed, cultured yeast, open fermented with heading down boards, followed by up to 18 months in French oak. Inky purple-crimson hue; a powerful archetypal d'Arenberg Shiraz, swimming with black fruits of every description, dark chocolate and a generous helping of chewy tannins.

95 Points

Ben Thomas
Weekly Review
The best-known of d'Arenberg icons, this is a wine I look forward to tasting each year. This year it's rich and brooding, with blackberry, cassis and dark cherry flavours. There's loads of earthy complexity, too. It's bright and concentrated, rather than thick and full-on, with strong, sandy tannins that unfurl with time in the glass.

95 Points

Campbell Mattinson
It takes time for the tannin to properly unfurl but give this some air and it sure struts its stuff/ A grade McLaren Vale Shiraz not just in name, but in the glass. It presents a substantial serve of curranty, plum drenched, blackberried fruit, the edges then played with saltbush, redcurrant, dried herbs and ferrous-like notes. Oak is present but compliant, offering subtleish notes of liquid cedar and woodsmoke. Tannin is both thoroughly and appropriately assertive, it takes command of the wine, eventually helping to deliver sweet aniseed notes to the aftertaste.



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The Wine Genius

Bright opaque ruby. Dense and ripe fruits reminiscent of blueberry, tar, a touch of menthol and tobacco are supported by sweet oak. Dry, full, dense and tannic on the palate it is a bold and robust, slightly old fashioned style although will no doubt have plenty of fans whom will appreciate its power and long finish.

90 Points

Max Crus

Daily Examiner

Something of an Aussie Icon, like kingswoods and outdoor dunnies, this is about the same price as the former, and alot more savoury than the latter.

Dan Traucki

WOW- what a wine, hugely deep purple/red colour, alluring blackberry and plum aromas and massive mouth-filling flavours that linger for eons on the finish. Big and very tight still somewhat restrained, so it either needs food to go with it, or park it away for a few years until the tannins have been more subdued. A BLOODY BRILLIANT WINE

Sean Mitchell

Grape Observer

This is the best Dead Arm I've tasted in years. Deeply coloured and prodigiously so, it has aromatics of spice, mocha and dark fruits. The palate has tannic grip and strength, and many years before it. Long length, typicity and balance on the finish confirms that this is an outstanding release. Rating: Outstanding

4.5 Stars

Huon Hooke

Deep, dense red/purple colour. The bouquet is savoury, woody and sousbois-like. It's a big, full-bodied, bold wine loaded with oak and tannin, but managing to deliver a round, smooth, rich palate. A trace of raisin. Big, solid, rich wine, with a fair degree of chew.

