



2005 d'ARENBERG STICKS AND STONES

Review Summary



90 pts "A fragrant array of predominantly red fruit aromas and flavours; medium-bodied, with silky mouth feel and fine tannins; not noble, but a fun commoner, even if pricey."

James Halliday
2008 Wine Companion

89 pts "The dry, earthy and slightly savoury characters of tempranillo dominate this classy red blend. Previous vintages have included souzao but shiraz was deemed a better option this vintage. It's medium to full bodied, with powerful fruit harness. Firmish tannins and solid oak."

Ray Jordan
The West Australian
February 2009

"Wonderful blend of tempranillo with grenache and shiraz. It's supple and generous yet there is real structure in that long palate. Floral fragrances provide an enticing opening delivered in spades on the palate."

The West Australian

SILVER MEDAL

2009 Sommelier Challenge

"48% Tempranillo, 42% Grenache, 10% Shiraz, this wine is a medium garnet color in the glass. It smells of dried cherries and fresh raspberries with a hint of floral notes. In the mouth it is velvety and lush with cherry and raspberry flavors and aggressive but smooth tannins that linger, along with a note of citrus into the finish. With some time to mellow the tannins this will be a really drinkable wine. Score: around 9."

Alder Yarrow
Vinography.com
April 10, 2010

"A three-way blend of some tempranillo, grenache and shiraz with some time to build complexity has brought a striking earthy side to this wine. Ripe but settled fruits emerge on both the nose and the palate, shades of plum and red fruits, with plenty of fine, jangly tannins holding them in place."

Nick Stock
Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine
July 2010