



2006 d'ARENBERG THE CUSTODIAN GRENACHE

Review Summary



93 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “Clear color; fragrant red berry aromas; has good structure and intensity; red and black berry fruits, some spice and chocolate nuances and fine tannins.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2010

93 pts – TOP 100 WINES “The Osborn family has vast experience in making Grenache from old McLaren Vale vines, with foot-treading and basket-pressing techniques. The wine has fragrant red-berry aromas, and the structure and intensity lacking in many Barossa Grenaches, offering red and black berry fruits with spice and chocolate nuances.”

James Halliday
The Weekend Australian
November 2008

93 pts “Raspberries and fresh earth on the nose; in the mouth it burst into a wide range of flavours then settled down but remained very vibrant throughout, with lovely chewy tannins giving an edge.”

Tony Keys
The Key Review of Wines
December 2008

90 pts “Deep red. Very fresh aromas of raspberry, cherry and blackberry. Smooth and seamless, with deeply concentrated, nicely focused red fruit flavors, no apparent tannins and slow-mounting sweetness. I suspect that some Old World palates will find this a bit lacking in nuance but I really like its freshness and clarity of fruit.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
Sept/Oct 2008

89 pts “Has a sense of refinement and distinctive flavors, with hints of rosemary and pomegranate against a nice mouthful of red fruit character, finishing with lightly gritty tannins. Best from 2009 through 2013. 500 cases imported.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator, Great Australian Reds
October 15, 2008



89 pts “The 2006 The Custodian Grenache is dark ruby-colored with a perfumed nose of spice box and cherry. Sweetly fruited and juicy, it closely resembles a high level Cotes du Rhone. On the palate, spice and mineral notes combine with an amalgam of red fruits to provide a satisfying flavor profile leading to a lengthy, pure finish. Drink it over the next 2-3 years.”

Jay Miller
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
August 2008, Issue 178 “Value Wines”

87 pts - BEST BUY

Primary grape flavors make this youthfully blunt, its berry fruit lighter than its tannins. Decant it for grilled burgers.

Wine & Spirits – ‘Australia’s Best’
February 2009

87 pts “The 2006 Custodian blends slightly disparate pieces into a harmonious whole. Tart berries accent stewed fruit on the nose, while herbal elements highlight superripe fruit and chocolate on the palate. It’s full and round in the mouth, ending a bit soft.”

Wine Enthusiast
August 2009

GOLD MEDAL

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo International Wine Competition

“This eclectic and eccentric winery is always reliable, and The Custodian is one of its longstanding stalwarts. Juicy with hints of spice and floral aromatics, it is a beautifully Australian expression of this grape.”

Pamela S. Busch
Special to The SF Examiner
February 5, 2010

“Aromas of strawberries and other red berries plus lots of spice. Extremely well balanced and structured, this Australian offering was an elegant wine for this price.”

Frank Sutherland
BattleCreekEnquirer.com
June 25, 2009