



# 2009 d'ARENBERG THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW GRENACHE

## Review Summary



**96 pts – Best of the Best**

Nick Stock, *Good Wine Guide* 2012

**93 pts** “There seems no end to the creativity of Chester and d'Arry Osborn, with something new and unexpected around every corner, yet never before as beautiful, expressive, succulent (or super premium) as this.”

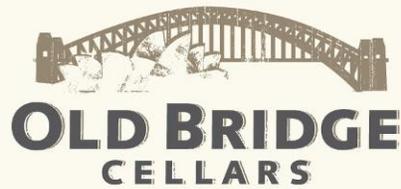
Tyson Stelzer, *Wine 100, WBM Magazine*  
May 2012

**93 pts** “Bright purple. Intensely perfumed scents of raspberry preserves, mulberry and potpourri. Lush, round and sweet on the palate, with sexy red fruit compote and cherry-vanilla flavors and a note of candied flowers. Finishes on a sappy kirsch note, with excellent clarity and length. Approachable now, there's the depth here to reward patience.”

Josh Reynolds, *Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar*  
July/August 2011

**92+ pts** “The 2009 Grenache Beautiful View is a superb wine. It is sourced from the Beautiful View district in McLaren Vale, which produces complex and earthy wines with notable minerality. Made from the best barrels of the best parcels, this bottling reveals a dark ruby hue and is rich in dark plum, toasted oak and wood spice. It is highly concentrated and fleshy on the palate with rich berry fruit, roasted meat and minerals. The tannins are still firm at this stage of development, and the wine should provide enjoyable drinking well beyond a decade.”

Mike Potashnik and Don Winkler  
*i-winereview.com, The International Wine Review – The World of Grenache*  
November/December 2013



**92 pts** “Showing more fruit and texture, yet not the same level of integration and elegance as the Blewitt Springs, the 2009 d’Arenberg Grenache The Beautiful View is nonetheless a brilliant Grenache that does almost everything right. Loaded with juicy strawberry, cherry, roasted meats, and violet-like qualities on the nose, it is full-bodied, decadent, and rich on the palate, with loads of ripe tannin and juicy acidity. Hedonistic, yet well done and with plenty of class, this outstanding Grenache should be enjoyed over the coming decade.”

**Jeb Dunnuck, The Rhone Report**  
**March 2012**

**91 pts – Top Grenache** “This explodes from the glass with fennel seeds, wild herbs, candied red currants, a liquory intensity of fruit, red licorice, tar, pencil lead, and candied apples with a hint of allspice. This is bright and a bit nervous in the mouth with crisp tannins and plenty of bright acids. There’s wonderful inner mouth perfume married to a light, elegant mouth feel. The flavor intensity is a bit less than anticipated but this is almost a Burgundian rendition of Grenache. The long, light finish shows a lovely streak of cranberry. Give this a year for the tannins to soften and it should be even better!”

**Gregory Dal Piaz, Snooth.com**  
**May 8, 2012**

**91 pts** “Deep garnet colored, the 2009 The Beautiful View Grenache offers fragrant warm blueberry and cherry aromas over subtle notes of sultanas, chocolate, spice cake and potpourri. Full bodied and generous on the palate, it has a good backbone of firm chewy tannins and lively acid giving sustained freshness long into the finish. Drink it now to 2021+.”

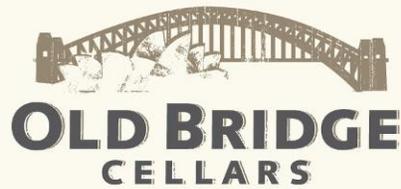
**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, eRobertParker.com**  
**February 2012**

**91 pts** “Mid garnet; ripe and showing confectionery raspberry, blackberry and licorice strap notes; the palate is soft, ample and warm, yet surprisingly fresh and tannic to conclude, given the lead from the bouquet.”

**James Halliday**  
**Australian Wine Companion 2012**

**90 pts** “Drying, grippy tannins surround a sweet core of cinnamon accented raspberry flavors, lingering on the focused finish. This needs time to show what it has.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Insider**  
**February 15, 2012**



## **GOLD MEDAL**

**Critics Challenge International Wine Competition  
June 2013**

“From vines dating to 19th century; "sweet," with blue and black-red fruit aromas and flavors, and buckets of spice, minerals and tannin.”

**Bill St. John, DenverPost.com  
October 2, 2013**

“The ultimate Grenache expression from this obsessed producer, these two single-vineyard top-shelfers (the other from Blewitt Springs). Fruit intensity and minerality are mesmerizing.”

**Tony Love, “Attention seeking,” The Advertiser  
January 2012**

“Medium red in color with a strong nose of rum-soaked sultanas. Rich fruitcake flavor on the palate with notes of mint and chocolate leading to a long finish with no overpowering oak flavors. If you enjoy a rich tasting wines and have the budget, give the d'Arenberg a go. Try with slow roasted rib of beef or Persian style lamb stew.”

**Reg Ryan, Geelong Advertiser – ‘Wine Jury’  
September 2011**