



2012 d'ARENBERG THE DRY DAM

Review Summary



92 pts “Riesling provides some of the best value for money in white wine. An attractive lemon and mandarin fragrance, with a touch of spice. It is soft and honeyed in the mouth, with a tickle of sweetness that’s in perfect harmony. Balanced, long, fruity and delicate.”

Huon Hooke
Sydney Morning Herald
January 2013

92 pts “Floral on the nose with honey undertones. The palate of juicy green apples complemented by a touch of citrus. This wine is beautifully balanced and full of flavor with the right mix of acid and body leaving your mouth crisp and refreshing. A fantastic buy at the price.”

Reg Ryan
Geelong Advertiser
September 2012

91 pts “Bright straw. A complex, floral-dominated bouquet presents honeysuckle, yellow rose, green tea, lemon curd and lime, plus a hint of white pepper. Racy and pure, with lively citrus fruit and mineral flavors and a richer note of pear coming up in the mid-palate. Incisive and focused, showing surprising power, excellent finishing thrust and cut.”

Josh Reynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2013

89 pts “Fresh and vibrant, with juicy lime and a hint of celery around the green apple fruit, lingering on the dry finish. Drink now through 2016.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
August 31, 2013

TOP 100 BLUE GOLD MEDAL

Sydney International Wine Competition 2014



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New Zealand International Wine Show 2013

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The Dallas Morning News and TexSom Wine Competition 2013

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The Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2012

HOT 100 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WINES

The Adelaide Review 2013

TOP 100 WINES

Sydney International Wine Competition 2013

“You normally associate McLaren Vale with big, bold reds, especially shiraz, but it can also produce quite bold, upfront chardonnays and the occasional riesling bristling with racy acidity — just like this one from the boys at d’Arenberg. For a measly \$15, you get a vivacious riesling with spine chilling acidity and a wonderfully fruity nose of stone fruit, apricot and rose petals. The palate has citrus and lime with a thread of chalky minerality. It’s a ‘drink now’ option but will repay cellaring with extra complexity.”

**The Medical Observer
April 2013**