



2008 d'ARENBERG THE DRY DAM

Review Summary



97 pts “Re-release. Extraordinary show career: 6 trophies including Best Riesling in Adelaide Wine show '15, and 15 gold medals including Perth, Sydney and two from the Canberra International Riesling Challenge. The color is green (amazing in itself, the palate perfectly balanced and still fresh as a daisy, bursting with citrus/lime flavors, the length and balance impeccable. A once in a lifetime McLaren Vale riesling offered at an absurdly low price.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
May 2016

94 pts “An off-dry style with definite sweeter floral lifts throughout the wine without taking anything away from a great minerally palate that lengthens the pleasure of this summery and friendly, light citrus style.”

Tony Love
The Advertiser

92 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “(The Dry Dam) is a somewhat unlikely part of the new wave of rieslings with deliberate residual sugar and low alcohol: unlikely because of the region and because the wine is as good as it is.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2010

89 pts “Light yellow-gold. Lime pith, minerals and a subtle smoky quality on the nose. Light-bodied citrus flavors are underscored by talc and a deeper note of pear. Clean, juicy and persistent on the finish, which leaves an exotic mustard seed note behind.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2009



88 pts “The 2008 The Dry Dam Riesling reveals aromas of mineral, citrus, and spring flowers. Crisp, dry, vibrant, and intensely flavored.”

Jay Miller
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
December 2009

88 pts – BEST BUY “Sweet lime and fennel flavors fill this wine with fruit. There's a grapefruit pith bitterness to balance the sweetness.”

Wine and Spirits Magazine
October 2009

88 pts “Intense and tightly wound, this Riesling gradually unfolds layers of white pepper, green plums and Key lime pie. The lingering quince-flavored finish is mouthwateringly crisp but not quite dry. Try with mushroom pasta. Drink now for the youthful fruit or wait a few years for more complexity.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
December 31, 2009

Best Australian Museum Class Trophy

Canberra International Riesling Challenge 2013

GOLD MEDAL

Royal Sydney Wine Show 2015

GOLD MEDAL

Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2013

GOLD MEDAL

New Zealand International Wine Show 2013

GOLD MEDAL

Wrest Point Royal Hobart Wine Show 2012

GOLD MEDAL

Canberra International Riesling Challenge 2012

GOLD MEDAL

The New Zealand International Wine Show 2012



TOP 100 BLUE GOLD MEDAL

Sydney International Wine Show 2010

GOLD MEDAL

New Zealand International Wine Show 2008

4 ½ STARS “The Dry Dam is a fine example of McLaren Vale Riesling—a regional style that’s a little broader and softer than the wines produced in the Clare and Eden Valleys and, in many year cases, more instantly appealing in its youth. Plenty of ripe, juicy flavor, well integrated acidity, delightfully refreshing and reasonably priced.”

Paddy Kendler
Herald Sun
March 2009

“Near colorless in the glass with a hint of greenness, this wine has a nose of lychee and ripe pear aromas. In the mouth it is bright, with lime juice and green apple flavors. A wonderful lemonade character lingers on the finish. Score: around 8.5.”

Alder Yarrow
Vinography.com
April 10, 2010

“While wine values can be found in many areas of the world, Australia still leads the pack when it comes to excellent juice at fair prices. In that vein, I’m quite impressed by the d’Arenberg Winery Riesling Dry Dam. I’ve always considered d’Arenberg to be a market leader in reasonably-priced, well-made wines. With this Riesling, winemaker-owner Chester Osborne has done it again. Green and orange melon dominate the nose, followed by transient waves of watermelon, light fusel oil, pineapple and lime. A great value at a ridiculously reasonable price.”

Ben Weinberg
Weinberg’s Wine Notes #63 - Value Wines
August 2009