

2010 d'ARENBERG THE DERELICT VINEYARD

Review Summary



94 pts "Serious grenache. Unafraid of tannin, though darker berried, licoricey fruits wash through the dryness, maintaining a fleshy, succulent feel throughout. Delicious flowering herb notes add extra spunk. More than a little X-factor."

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2015

93 pts – BEST BUY "It's rare to find this kind of elasticity in the fruit of Grenache, the earthy tannins snapping back on the concentrated old-vine fruit. This is supple and bold, with complex layers of flavor that touch on red fruit leather, strawberry seeds and dark, smoky notes of earth. The intensity of the wine's flavor loops back in the end, lasting for minutes in its clear, numinous beauty. Chester Osborn has been collecting ancient, derelict vineyards for more than two decades, restoring their vines to something like productivity. They performed remarkably well through the hot days and cool nights of the 2010 season."

Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine October 2014

90 pts "Peppers and cloves accent cherry-berry fruit on the nose of this single vineyard wine. On the palate, it's full bodied and deep and silky in texture, with a long spice-inflected finish."

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast December 2016

90 pts "Deep ruby. Medicinal cherry and pungent herbs on the exotically perfumed nose and in the mouth. Refreshingly bitter and precise, with good lift and building spiciness. Turns sweeter on the persistent finish, which is framed by chewy tannins. No way that I'd have guessed that this was an Aussie grenache; in fact, there's something Italianate going on here."

Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar July/August 2014



88 pts "Pale to medium ruby/purple, the 2010 The Derelict Vineyard Grenache has a nose of kirsch, baked raspberries, potpourri and cinnamon stick with hints of clove-studded orange peel. Medium to full-bodied with plenty of spice, the tannins are chewy and the finish is long with dusty earth notes."

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate
August 2015

★★★★ "Decades ago, when grenache was unpopular, d'Arenberg held firm with its belief that it was a worthy grape. It is, and d'Arenberg is the modern pioneer of the grape. It's floral and perfumed, with aromas of red berries - raspberry and blackberry – plus Redskins lollies. Gentle in the mouth, with density and interest, it's fresh and vibrant rather than heavy and thick. I suspect it's going to age really well. Food match - Grilled lamb chops."

Bernard Hicken, Decanter February 2015