



2012 d'ARENBERG THE CUSTODIAN GRENACHE

Review Summary



94 pts/James Halliday's Top 100 Wines of 2015 “Ah, how much is this wine worth when d’Arenberg has two 2012 Single Vineyard grenaches at \$103 each? A more difficult question for the single vineyard wines than this, which is a drop-dead bargain, its fruit flavors given shape and persistence by fine-grained, savory/earthy tannins.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2016

91 pts – Very Good+ “This Grenache from down under is a fruit bomb. It opens with a blueberry and black cherry bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced, juicy and fruit forward. The flavor profile is a tasty red plum with notes of strawberry and red cherry. There is also a hint of minerality and oak in the background. The finish is dry and its moderate tannins are sticky and linger for quite a while. This Grenache needs food with a little fat. I would pair it with pot roast.”

Ken Hoggins
KensWineGuide.com
October 30, 2015

90+ pts “Pale to medium ruby/purple, the 2012 The Custodian Grenache reveals aromas of crushed black raspberries and black cherries with roses and earth nuances. Medium to full-bodied, the palate ripe, silky and seductive palate finishes with good length.”

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



90 pts “Vivid ruby. Deeply pitched black raspberry and cherry compote scents are energized by a suggestion of cracked pepper. Fleshy and broad in the mouth, offering ripe red and dark berry flavors and a building element of medicinal bitterness. The gently tannic finish display resonating spiciness and very good persistence.”

Josh Raynolds
Vinous
March 2016

90 pts/BEST BUY “From Chester Osborn’s collection of old-vine grenache, this is a brisk, floral, red-berried wine with a shivering elegance to its structure. It tastes like it grows near the sea. Decant it for most anything off the grill.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2015

