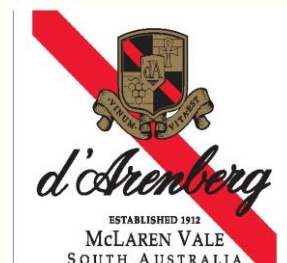




## 2012 d'ARENBERG THE DERELICT VINEYARD

### Review Summary



**95 pts** “Chester Osborn had the vision to acquire old, even derelict, vineyards when grenache was disregarded once its use in fortified wines had ended. The usual d’Arenberg completion of one-third of fermentation in barrel, has served very well: this is a grenache with macho attitude, red and blue fruits in a basket of integrated tannins and oak. Good as it is now, it will be best in another 10 years.”

**James Halliday**  
**Australian Wine Companion**  
**2017**

**93 pts/TOP 100 BEST BUYS OF THE YEAR** “The old-vine power in this Grenache is at the service of complexity, the flavors concentrated without weight. It keeps yielding mineral layers in the tannins, scents of rose petal tea, a buzzing spice sensation over strawberry and red raspberry flavors. Grown on ancient vines – many of which had been abandoned after Australia’s transition from fortified wine to table wine, acquired by Chester Osborn and now made into an earthy and savory red – this is a youthful pleasure to drink now, and one that will gain with several years in the cellar.”

**Josh Greene**  
**Wine & Spirits Magazine**  
**October 2016**

**92 pts** “The 2012 d’Arenberg ‘The Derelict Vineyard’ Grenache is another gorgeous release from this estate that showcases this great vintage. As the wine develops in the glass it unveils bright aromatics rose water, raspberry cordial and black cherry with hints of Earl Grey tea. The wine has rich flavors of black cherry, Chinese black tea, and raspberry torte.”

**International Wine Report**  
**July 2016**



**90+ pts** “Ruby-red. Medicinal cherry, pungent herbs and candied rose on the nose, with hints of white pepper and anise in the background. Spicy, taut and sharply focused, offering bitter cherry and redcurrant flavors that unfold slowly with aeration. In a vibrant style and extremely youthful. Aeration brings out raspberry and floral pastille qualities, plus an exotic touch of candied orange peel. Fine-grained tannins sneak up on the long, focused finish, which leaves a subtly sweet red berry note behind.”

**Josh Reynolds**  
Vinous  
March 2016

**90 pts** “Pale to medium garnet/purple, the 2012 The Derelict Vineyard Grenache has warm red and black cherry, mulberry and Indian spice aromas with black pepper and earth nuances. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is well-structured with chewy tannins and a long, peppery finish.”

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

**89 pts** “Dense and muscular at the core, with ripe blackberry, peppercorn and fresh mint accents, cedar and mineral notes lingering on the finish.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec**  
WineSpectator.com  
2016

“The Derelict (Vineyard) Grenache, drawn from ancient ‘derelict’ vines which Chester Osborn revived in his home district, is a firm clean red with plush raspberry flavors and invigorating grip. They are the region’s Grenache experts, making no less than 15 different bottlings.”

**Patrick Comiskey**  
Los Angeles Times  
June 16, 2016