



2012 d'ARENBERG THE IRONSTONE PRESSINGS

Review Summary



97 pts “Not your average GSM blend. This release raises the stakes on the style. It’s raked with tannin, shot with herbs full of dust and dry spice notes, and also flush with succulent, fresh blue- and black-berried fruit. Tannin is scintillatingly fine; length is a long-held note. One can only marvel.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2017

96 pts – ★★★★★ “A big, gutsy wine with a tremendous depth of character. The palate is rustic and gritty, and loaded with smoked charcuterie, spices and black pepper. Firm and balanced, the finish is clean and precise. It’s a great wine.”

Gourmet Traveller Wine
June/July 2016

96 pts “This wine is loaded with character: it’s all about gritty, rustic flavor and grunt. Meaty, smoky charcuterie notes; firm and solidly tannic, the finish clean and precise. A superb full-bodied GSM.”

Huon Hooke
TheRealReview.com
April 23, 2016

96 pts “Well I never. This is super. Made using grenache (70%), shiraz (25%) and a dollop of mourvedre. The firmness of tannin. The flush of blue/black berried fruit. The length. The infusion of herbs and woodsmoke and dry, rusty spice. It’s just a crackajack wine, firm and commanding, with length and complexity to burn.”

Campbell Mattinson
The Wine Front
November 2015



94 pts “This has always been one of the stars at d’Arenberg. Grenache (75%), shiraz (20%) and mourvèdre (5%) and I like the bold saturated red berry fruits on the nose here, plus blue berry fruits and a little plum. There’s a little dark spice which threads through to the palate; acidity has bite, tannins are rich and muscular and the finish is long, powerful and balanced.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
February 12, 2016

92 pts “Inky ruby. Expansive, spice-accented aromas of raspberry and boysenberry, potpourri and smoky minerals. Sweet and creamy in texture, offering palate-staining red and dark berry and lavender pastille flavors complicated by a smoky nuance. This rich yet energetic red blend shows very good depth and a firm spine of acidity. The floral quality recurs on the powerful, gently tannic finish.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
March 2016

90 pts “Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the 2012 Ironstone Pressings GSM offers a savory/meaty nose with notes of Bovril and yeast extract over a core of kirsch, sandalwood and plum preserves, plus a waft of fenugreek. Medium to full-bodied with a good foundation of chewy tannins and plenty of freshness, it has a deliciously earthiness in the mouth, finishing long and spicy.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
August 31, 2016

★★★★★ “A big robust and brooding blend with a complex layering of dark berry fruit characters some malty like elements, good charry oak and excellent drying tannins.”

Winestate Magazine
September 2016

BEST OF TASTING

Wine & Viticulture Journal GSM Tasting 2016

DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL

China Wine & Spirits Awards ‘Best Value’ 2016

BLUE-GOLD MEDAL

Sydney International Wine Competition 2016