



2015 d'ARENBERG THE DRY DAM

Review Summary



95 pts/James Halliday's Top 100 Wines of 2015 “An utterly impressive wine from a winery best known for its flotilla of red wines; its fruit has the juicy flavor and mouthfeel of the kind expected of a dry Mosel Riesling; the intensity of the fruit is heightened by the crisp, crunchy acidity on the finish and aftertaste. The Dry Dam name is an anachronism.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
November 2015

92 pts – Editors' Choice “Neither McLaren Vale nor Adelaide Hills are particularly known for their Rieslings, but this is a fine example. Scents of wet stone and flower-shop greens lead into off-dry flavors of lemon zest and green apples. The balance between sugar and acids, lithe body and long finish is finely judged.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
February 2017

91 pts “A no brainer to chill and guzzle, leading the way with florals, citrus and green apple scents. Tastes bright and spritely, lemony fresh juice squeezed on crisp apples. It's light, highly fragrant, really drinkable, really well priced 10.3%.”

Mike Bennie
Wine Business Monthly
February 2016

91 pts “It's certainly off dry, but the little dance between sugar and acid is nicely done here. Green apple, blossom perfume, lime and the like. Juicy sweetness, crackle of acidity, tang of sweet/sour green apple on a pretty long finish. Fresh and fun to drink. Would be tops with more spicy food or stuff like ‘traditional Australian Chinese’.”

Gary Walsh
The Wine Front
December 2015



90 pts “Lip-smacking acidity adds some fun to the green apple candy and pineapple flavors, lending liveliness and fresh appeal. Offers a sleek, long finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator – “Our Ultimate Guide to Value”
February 2017

90 pts “Quite a waxy nose with dried flowers and savory, gently nutty notes; lime and lemon citrus fruits too. This has bright, rich and punchy appeal.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
February 12, 2016

89 pts “The 2015 The Dry Dam Riesling offers a pretty, floral laced nose with notes of honeysuckle and lime blossoms with white peaches and lemon curd at the core. Off-dry and light-bodied on the palate, it achieves lovely balance and intensity with a long, lively finish.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
June 2016

89 pts “Pale straw. Citrussy and focused on the nose, with dusty mineral and floral nuances adding complexity. Taut, dry and delineated on the palate, with bitter lemon pith and quince flavors unfolding slowly. A hint of fennel appears on the stony, lingering finish.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
March 2016