

2016 d'ARENBERG THE DERELICT VINEYARD

Review Summary



92 pts "An intense expression of grenache with strikingly fine and dense tannins, carrying long and fresh. Raspberries and blackberries are nicely intertwined."

Nick Stock JamesSuckling.com June 26, 2019

91 pts/Year's Best McLaren Vale "Chester Osborn makes this wine from a collection of old vineyards he purchased, where the vines were mostly abandoned. He cleaned them up a bit, and now they grow an earthy, intensely concentrated grenache with savory meat nuances under layers of strawberry flavor. Tannins create a black satin drape over the fruit, which lasts with the gamey notes in a smooth finish."

Joshua Greene Wine & Spirits Magazine February 2020

91 pts "This has retained some vivacity and primary fruit; it's fragrant with spiced plums, red licorice and musk, warm earth and menthol. Full-bodied, raspy tannins and a drying finish."

Jane Faulkner Halliday Wine Companion 2020

90+ pts "Dark in color and saturated in hue, d'Arenberg's 2016 The Derelict Vineyard Grenache appears built to age. Loaded with concentrated black cherry fruit, the wine is full-bodied and framed by muscular tannins. I suspect the tannins will always be prominent, but they should soften a bit within a few years. The fruit is fresh, with no indication of over-ripeness, finishing clean and long."

Joe Czerwinski Robert Parker Wine Advocate May 14, 2020