



## 2005 d'ARENBERG THE IRONSTONE PRESSINGS

### Review Summary



**94 pts** “The 2005 The Ironstone Pressings GSM is superb in this top-notch vintage. It exhibits a fragrant bouquet of mineral, earth, truffle, black cherry, plum, and blueberry. Full-bodied as well full-throttled, it offers an extra dimension of complex spicy blue and black fruit flavors, well-concealed tannin, and a seamless, pure finish. Rich enough to be enjoyed now, it will provide pleasure over the next 20 years.”

**Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate**  
October 2007, Issue 173

**90 pts** “Ruby-red. Smoky cherry and dark berry aromas are expansive and pure, with fresh violet, cured meat and saffras adding complexity. The red fruit flavors display good energy and thrust thanks to bright minerality, and are braced by youthfully firm tannins. The silky finish offers a good jolt of tangy redcurrant.”

**Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar**  
July/August 2007, Issue 133

**90 pts** “Overall savoury/spicy characters to the bouquet and medium-bodied palate; one might have expected more weight and density, but maybe it is hiding its light at the moment.”

**James Halliday**  
2009 Wine Companion

**90 pts** “This blend of 70% Grenache, 25% Shiraz and 5% Mourvèdre features surprisingly dark fruit flavors akin to blackberries and cola. A hint of mint or eucalyptus enlivens the bouquet and helps to lighten this otherwise rather full-bodied, brooding wine. Finishes long, with enough dusty tannins to warrant cellaring through 2015.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
Wine Enthusiast Online, 10/1/2008