

2006 d'ARENBERG THE COPPERMINE ROAD

Review Summary



95 pts “A brooding, dark-scented cabernet from the deeply structured '06 vintage, this has striking presence and ‘don’t mess with me’ attitude. Some roasting herbs and game meats, dark berries and boot polish – the oak’s been soaked up with ease by this rich, hearty fruit. The palate paints a thick stripe of sinewy tannin straight down the middle, placing ripe, juicy plum and ultra-dark berry flavor in its wake, building resonant tannin width through the finish, holding firm and flavorsome.”

Nick Stock
The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2010

94 pts “Full-bodied, rich, gutsy wine overflowing with blackcurrant fruit, cassis and tannins; good oak sustains the long finish.”

James Halliday
2009 Australian Wine Companion

94 pts “This is bloody scrumptious, right royal wine from a truly great year. Perfect oak-derived spice, perfect depth of fruit, perfect varietal perfume (the lollyshop beside the fruiterer) and a divinely elegant, supple palate with a gradual rise of velvet tannin. It does the impossible: satisfies completely and deeply with every sip, and yet makes the drinking arm reach involuntarily for more. It’s so good, it’s almost boring.”

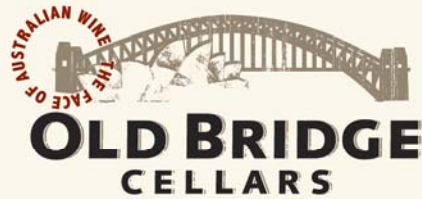
Phillip White
www.drankster.blogspot.com
October 2008

93+ pts “The saturated purple 2006 Coppermine Road Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits aromas of pain grill, pencil lead, vanilla, cinnamon, black cherry, and black currant. Impressively structured and well-balanced, this dense Cabernet demands 6-8 years of cellaring after which it will drink beautifully from 2016 to 2036.”

Robert Parker
eRobertParker.com
February, 2009

92 pts “Opaque ruby. Powerful cassis and blueberry aromas are complicated by lavender and pungent herbs. Fleshy, palate-staining dark berry flavors are enlivened by juicy acidity. Gentle tannins add grip but don't get in the way of the lush, creamy fruit. Very impressive cabernet, with the sweetness to drink on the young side but the depth and balance to reward patience.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
Sept/Oct 2008



91 pts CELLAR SELECTION “Very true to the variety, with ample servings of cedar, tobacco and cassis, plenty of weight and a firm structure that bodes well for aging.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
July 2009

91 pts “Sweet boysenberry and currant flavors contrast the earthy tannins of this cabernet, leaving a bright impression. A fresh, floral note develops out of the dense fruit, leaving any oak influence in the background. Decant this five or six years from the vintage with roast lamb.”

Wine & Spirits – ‘Australia’s Best’
February 2009

GOLD MEDAL

MUNDUSvini International Wine Awards 2009

“The Coppermine Road 2006 is rich and chocolaty with dark berry fruits and is showing attractive development. Hooke thought it “very big and ripe—but not over-ripe. Assertive mouth-coating tannins. A bit chewy, but has big flavour.” This is a robust wine typical of McLaren Vale, with generosity to be enjoyed now, although it will clearly age for many years.”

Nick Bullied
Gourmet Traveller Wine
June 2010

“Dark garnet in color, this wine smells of rick black cherry and just the barest hint of green bell pepper and green herbs. In the mouth the wine is a nice balance between rich black cherry fruit and a greenish aromatic herbal component that seems welded to leathery tannins that will need a couple of years to settle down. Wonderfully balanced, with excellent acidity this is a wine to age and enjoy in a few years. Score: around 9.”

Alder Yarrow
Vinography.com
April 10, 2010