



2006 d'ARENBERG STICKS AND STONES Review Summary



91 pts “A medium-bodied array of multi-spice, multi-fruit flavours expected from this iconoclastic blend, made its own by d'Arenberg some years ago.”

James Halliday
2009 Wine Companion

90 pts “Ruby-red. Pungent, highly aromatic bouquet of fresh red berries, candied cherry, baking spices and fresh lavender. Round and creamy but energetic, with lively raspberry, cherry, crystallized flower and cinnamon flavors. Gains depth on the finish but maintains balance and clarity, with the red berry qualities repeating. This is pretty seductive.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
Sept/Oct 2008

90 pts “Though it's not clear why Chester Osborn associates Portuguese varieties with nursery rhymes, his association of tinta cao and Souzao with Grenache makes a lot of sense. They blend into a plump and rustic red, with tart strawberry, ripe tomato and game intermingling in the scents and flavors. It has the spicy tannin of a cookout wine, with the juicy freshness to clean it up in the end.”

Wine & Spirits – 'Australia's Best'
February 2009

89 pts “The blend in this wine is as whimsical as the name, with Tempranillo and Grenache alongside Portugal's Tinta Cão and Souzão grapes. The result is an aggressive, powerful wine with a broad palette of aromas and flavors, ranging from vanilla, forest floor and animal sweat to cigar, flint, blackberry jam and coffee.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
June 2010

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"I've liked this wine since the first time I tasted it years ago. (If you cannot remember all these d'Arenberg names, just focus on the Tempranillo, I think it's the only one in the lineup...) Offers concentrated red berry, deep plum and intense currant fruit layered with savory notes like black tea, vanilla bean, espresso and dried herbs. With a firm, lingering finish."

Robyn Tinsley
www.wineskinny.com
September 22, 2010

