



2007 d'ARENBERG THE DERELICT VINEYARD

Review Summary



94 pts – Top 100 Wines “As the name says, a rejuvenated vineyard has come up trumps with this rugged little Aussie which smells of floral bush land and smokehouse small goods, followed by gorgeous dark fruits and a captivating mineraly palate feel that cries out for robust French and Italian meat dishes. “

Tony Love, The Advertiser
November 2010

91+ pts “d’Arenberg’s commitment to Grenache has to be admired. It smells sweet and spicy and tastes it too, though its savory tug of tannin ensures that it never seems lollied. It’s a good, ripe wine with a savoury heart. Cedarwood, sand, raspberry and distinct ‘mineraly’ notes. Finishes tight and controlled. Quality wine.”

Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front
May 2010

91 pts “A full, red-fruited grenache, this races from bright strawberry to darker tones of pomegranate. It’s tart, with a sandy texture to the tannins that lends the wine firm grip. From the fruit of bush vines that had gone untended for years, rejuvenated for this earthy blend of old vineyards.”

Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2009

91 pts “Medium red. Deep, smoky aromas of black raspberry, potpourri and white pepper. At once juicy and smooth, with intense red fruit flavors supported by a structural underpinning that is firm but not hard. Very grenache in its red fruits and spices. Finishes long and brisk, with silky tannins arriving late and adding grip. Drinking really well right now.”

Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2009

90 pts “Deep, dark red-purple; a very powerful wine proclaiming its regional origin with a strong overlay of dark chocolate, licorice and earth to the underlying blackberry fruit; stringent selection of grapes / wine has paid dividends .”

James Halliday
2011 Australian Wine Companion



90 pts “The medium ruby-colored 2007 The Derelict Vineyard Grenache is redolent of garrigue, lavender, and black cherry aromas. Ripe, smooth, and easy-going, this spicy, cherry-flavored, lengthy Grenache will offer much pleasure over the next 4-5 years.”

Jay Miller, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
December 2009, Issue #186

90 pts “Dark and ripe, with distinctive cherry, floral and exotic spice aromas and flavors that keep going on the long, plump finish.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
September 30, 2009

90 pts/Very Good+ “This dark ruby colored wine is classis Aussie Grenache. It opens with a fragrant blackberry and black licorice bouquet. On the palate, this wine is full bodied, slightly acidic, and juicy. The flavor profile is a ripe blackberry with notes of black currant and oak. There is also a hint of spice and anise mixed in for fun. The finish is dry and its moderate tannins are dusty and show nice length. This Grenache would be a nice pairing with venison stew.”

Kenswineguide.com
January 17, 2010

GOLD MEDAL

Sommelier Challenge 2010

“From a 30-year-old vineyard that lay fallow for two decades before the Osborn family restored it. A warming spice on the nose - mace and cassia, with a thyme-like herb note and lovely berry fruit. The brightness and lighter step here is winning, with juicy energy. As a reasonable weeknight alternative, there's d'Arenberg's The Custodian.”

Jon Bonné, San Francisco Chronicle
August 22, 2010

“Osborn has restored many old, neglected grenache bush-vine vineyards in the McLaren Vale, hence the name. Yields are low, giving restraint and minerality to the wine. It’s velvety and supple on the palate with grippy tannins.”

Qantas The Australian Way
October 2010