



## 2015 d'ARENBERG THE DRY DAM

### Review Summary



**95 pts/James Halliday's Top 100 Wines of 2015** “An utterly impressive wine from a winery best known for its flotilla of red wines; its fruit has the juicy flavor and mouthfeel of the kind expected of a dry Mosel Riesling; the intensity of the fruit is heightened by the crisp, crunchy acidity on the finish and aftertaste. The Dry Dam name is an anachronism.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion**  
November 2015

**92 pts – Editors' Choice** “Neither McLaren Vale nor Adelaide Hills are particularly known for their Rieslings, but this is a fine example. Scents of wet stone and flower-shop greens lead into off-dry flavors of lemon zest and green apples. The balance between sugar and acids, lithe body and long finish is finely judged.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast**  
February 2017

**91 pts – Very Good+** “This pale white gold colored dry Riesling from Australia is very good. It opens with a honeysuckle and lime bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, shows very nice gentle acidity and balance. The flavor profile is a tasty citrus blend of lime and tangerine. I also detected hints green apple and touch of pineapple. The finish is dry and very refreshing. This dry Riesling is food friendly, very appealing and easy to quaff. I would serve it slightly chilled this summer on the deck with grilled swordfish skewers.”

**Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com**  
March 21, 2017

**91 pts** “A no brainer to chill and guzzle, leading the way with florals, citrus and green apple scents. Tastes bright and spritely, lemony fresh juice squeezed on crisp apples. It's light, highly fragrant, really drinkable, really well priced 10.3%.”

**Mike Bennie, Wine Business Monthly**  
February 2016



**91 pts** “It’s certainly off dry, but the little dance between sugar and acid is nicely done here. Green apple, blossom perfume, lime and the like. Juicy sweetness, crackle of acidity, tang of sweet/sour green apple on a pretty long finish. Fresh and fun to drink. Would be tops with more spicy food or stuff like ‘traditional Australian Chinese’.”

**Gary Walsh, The Wine Front**  
**December 2015**

**90 pts** “Lip-smacking acidity adds some fun to the green apple candy and pineapple flavors, lending liveliness and fresh appeal. Offers a sleek, long finish.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator – “Our Ultimate Guide to Value”**  
**February 2017**

**90 pts** “Quite a waxy nose with dried flowers and savory, gently nutty notes; lime and lemon citrus fruits too. This has bright, rich and punchy appeal.”

**Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com**  
**February 12, 2016**

**89 pts** “The 2015 The Dry Dam Riesling offers a pretty, floral laced nose with notes of honeysuckle and lime blossoms with white peaches and lemon curd at the core. Off-dry and light-bodied on the palate, it achieves lovely balance and intensity with a long, lively finish.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate**  
**June 2016**

**89 pts** “Pale straw. Citrussy and focused on the nose, with dusty mineral and floral nuances adding complexity. Taut, dry and delineated on the palate, with bitter lemon pith and quince flavors unfolding slowly. A hint of fennel appears on the stony, lingering finish.”

**Josh Reynolds, Vinous**  
**March 2016**