



2013 d'ARENBERG THE CUSTODIAN GRENACHE

Review Summary



92 pts “A variety that has won lots of Aussie fans and this well-priced SA wine will sit well with them. Fruit characters of mulberry, plum and rounded with interesting savory flavors.”

Peter Chapman, Queensland Times
May 19, 2016

91 pts “Brilliant ruby-red. Expressive aromas of candied red berries, incense and white pepper are joined by a suave floral note. Juicy, broad and energetic on the palate, offering appealingly sweet raspberry, cherry and spicecake flavors and a suggestion of candied lavender. Finishes smooth and broad, featuring sneaky tannins and strong, spice-driven persistence.”

Josh Reynolds, Vinous
October 2017

89 pts “Plump wild raspberry and blackberry flavors show a brambly, white pepper edge. Firm tannins turn appealingly chewy on the finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec, WineSpectator.com – “13 Impressive South Australia Rhône Reds”
December 22, 2016

88 pts – Very Good “This very dark ruby colored Grenache from Australia opens with an inviting blueberry bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced and easy to drink. The flavor profile is a chalky mineral infused juicy black plum with notes of red raspberry. I also detected hints of oak and boysenberry. The finish is dry and its acidity and fruit linger nicely. This Grenache is quite quaffable and food friendly. I would pair with a tangy pulled pork sandwich.”

Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com
April 2, 2017

88 pts “The palate opens with red fruits before a gust of unexpected tannins blow in...”

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
October 2016



88 pts “Pale to medium garnet colored, the 2013 The Custodian Grenache has a full-on fruity nose of baked cherries and raspberry preserves with hints of eucalyptus, cracked pepper and licorice. The medium-bodied palate is soft and uncomplicated, with a good amount of juicy berry flavors and pleasant savory element to boot.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
August 31, 2016

5 Stars “Preserved cherry, sundried berry and mineral aromas in a compact edition. Soft, very sweet ripe fruit, raspberry and mineral flavors in a juicy style with a spicy peppery grip to the finish. Compact and classy.”

Rob Geddes MW
Australian Wine Vintages 2017: 34th Edition

Best Value Buy

Winestate Magazine
September 2016

“This bright, juicy and easy-to-drink Grenache stole the show for me. Made from venerable old bush vines, this is a very Australian red; powerful with plenty of fruit intensity. Ideal for pairing with rich red meat dishes.”

Winsor Dobbin, Ciao Magazine
May 2016