

2016 d'ARENBERG THE IRONSTONE PRESSINGS

Review Summary



94 pts “Very fresh and attractive blueberries and wild herbs on offer here with plums and earth, as well as spiced chocolate. The palate has a deeply assertive and fresh, long, muscular style with plenty of fresh red to blue-fruit flavor.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
June 26, 2019

93 pts “Gutsy and flavorsome, particularly in the context of this blend. This really does pour on the flavor. Kirsch, red licorice, cedarwood and sweet mint notes burst warmly through the palate. It does so, it should be quickly added, in silken style; this is textural in the slurpy sense of the word. Tannin is well formed too; there’s a lipsmacking quality to this. Here we have a very good release of The Ironstone Pressings.”

Campbell Mattinson
The Wine Front
January 2019

92 pts “The 2016 The Ironstone Pressings Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre is 70% Grenache, 25% Shiraz and 5% Mourvèdre. Full-bodied and muscular, it practically defines several generations of Australian "red table wines." It's capable of being consumed young if you have an appetite for tannin, or it can be aged up to a decade, perhaps longer. Personally, I'd drink the 2015 now, and put the 2016 in the cellar. Black cherries, cedar and tar appear on the nose, while the concentrated flavors follow similar lines, adding hints of plum, raspberry and licorice.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
May 14, 2020

88 pts “This vintage of this quintessential South Aussie blend leans heavily on Grenache, with 25% Shiraz and 5% Mourvèdre. Brambly blackberry, olive, sap and toasty, vanillin oak notes lead on the rich, heady nose. Rustic and fairly straightforward for a premium-priced wine, it has a rich palate dominated by muscular, drying and rather aggressive tannins that feel like sandpaper on the tongue. Those brambly, savory flavors are there, too, flowing through to the finish.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
August 14, 2020



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