

2017 d'ARENBERG THE CUSTODIAN GRENACHE

Review Summary



91 pts “A youthful rendition with savory tones rather than just fruit flavors. There’s a suppleness across the fuller-bodied palate with ripe tannins and plenty of enjoyment especially at this price.”

Jane Faulkner
Halliday Wine Companion
August 1, 2019

90 pts “The Custodian has always been big boned for a Grenache, but perhaps due in part to the relatively cool 2017 vintage, this bottling offers freshness and poise. It opens with aromas of cherry and mocha, underscored by spice and floral tones. There’s a lovely crunch to the red berry fruit in the mouth. The tannins creep up slowly and then are raspy and a bit austere. The fruit wears them well, though, making this an appealing barbecue wine.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
October 19, 2020

90 pts “Aromas of red fruit and flowers abound with earth, bracken and spice. The palate has assertive, punchy red fruit and a wrap of juicy, vibrant tannin. Medium body.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
May 26, 2020

89 pts “A ripe, full-bodied effort, d'Arenberg's 2017 The Custodian Grenache features notes of crushed stone layered over Italian plums and dark chocolate. The tannins are supple, there's ample concentration and the gently dusty finish picks up alluring hints of licorice. It's not the perfumed, less-extracted style that's in vogue at the moment, but it delivers what consumers have come to expect from this label.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
May 14, 2020