

2018 d'ARENBERG THE HERMIT CRAB

Review Summary



93 pts “Density and freshness to the layered and delicious white that shows cream, lemon-curd, cooked-pear and sliced-apple character. Medium to full body. Flavorful finish.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
June 26, 2019

91 pts/BEST BUY/YEAR'S BEST MCLAREN VALE

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Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
February 2020

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Ken Hoggins
Ken's Wine Guide
June 17, 2020

90 pts/TOP 100 VALUES/VALUE PICK OF THE WEEK “Effusive, juicy and ripe, with peach, apricot and melon flavors that are generous and plump. Floral and spice notes emerge on the finish. Shows terrific harmony and persistence.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
December 16, 2020



90 pts “Intense aromatics of lemon curd, candied pear and ginger spice. The round, rich mouthfeel proves how well Viognier and Marsanne dance together: this is an elegant, balanced wine boasting ripe exotic fruit, plump texture and a linear, but full-flavored finish.”

Stacy Slinkard
Decanter
December 5, 2020

88 pts “d’Arenberg’s 2018 The Hermit Crab Viognier Marsanne shows some delicate floral notes on the nose, followed by scents of melon and spice. A small proportion of the blend is fermented and aged in used French oak, adding a touch of creaminess to the medium-bodied palate, while the finish turns silky, the melon flavors slowly fading away. I nearly always prefer to drink these sorts of aromatic blends in their youth, and this one is no exception.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
May 14, 2020

“One of the less fancifully named of winemaker Chester Osborn’s many wines (“The Solipsistic Snollygoster,” anyone?), this blend of white Rhone varieties offers lots of engaging peach-melon flavor and a crisp, lively finish.”

Ray Isle
Food and Wine
September 21, 2020

GOLD MEDAL

China Wine & Spirits Awards
2019