

2017 d'ARENBERG THE IRONSTONE PRESSINGS

Review Summary



95 pts “Heft served in svelte form. This carries its power in silken, seductive style. Blackberry and graphite, redcurrant and sweet, woody spice notes pour through the mouth and on through the finish. There’s tannin, and a good deal of it, but it’s washed along by the swell of fruit.”

Campbell Mattison
Halliday Wine Companion
August 1, 2020

94 pts “This is a sanguine-edged blend of grenache, shiraz and mourvedre. Aromas of rust, dried wood, flowers, wild herbs, red plums and cherries, as well as some almost tarry nuances. The palate has a flinty edge to the redcurrants, plums, blueberries and cherries with an expansive mid-palate emphasis. Smooth-tannin wrap.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
May 26, 2020

93 pts “Everything in the right place here. Lush and lavish red, soft and supple, dark berries and liquorice, some rum n raisin notes, chocolatey stuff too. Still, even with the density and richness there’s this levity and fresh feel. Sits up in the palate on a wave of fine tannin. Feels color by numbers but neatly done.

Mike Bennie
The Wine Front
May 2020

93 pts “Deep, dark color, with a most distinctive nose hinting at some mataro content. Leather, dried meat/bresaola, the palate drying and savoury, the tannins adding grip and a ferric, ironstone note that lingers. Big tannins. A rustic, brawny wine. It sure has character. Very cellar worthy.”

Huon Hooke
The Real Review
July 29, 2020



91+ pts “d’Arenberg’s 2017 The Ironstone Pressings Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre is almost a 50-50 blend of the main varieties, with the actual numbers being 50% Grenache, 47% Shiraz and 3% Mourvèdre. Scents of camphor, raspberries and cassis emerge on the nose, while the full-bodied palate is firm and only slightly giving, leading into a long, mouth-drying finish. It’s not the easiest wine to drink young, but it should reward 3-4 years of cellaring and drink well for a decade after that.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
May 14, 2020

91 pts “This vintage of Ironstone is as muscular and tannic as always, but perhaps due to the cool vintage, there’s more elegance and layers here than in previous years. It takes time in the glass to open up, slowly revealing fleshy berries, licorice, florals, peppery spice and vanillin oak aromas. The palate is tightly wound, cinched by massive, chalky tannins. But there’s a lovely lift to the fruit, particularly on the finish.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
April 30, 2021

88 pts “Chewy tannins provide a charming background for dried tobacco, toasted herb, cedar and licorice details, with plum and dried berry flavors at the core.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
November 15, 2020

88 pts “Sweet strawberry and rhubarb flavors fill this wine with stewed fruit notes, needing cellar time to wed its beefy tannins with its tart, tense and floral side.”

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