

2017 d'ARENBERG d'ARRY'S ORIGINAL

Review Summary



93 pts/TOP 100 BEST BUYS 2021 “That’s just beautiful.” I don’t often write those words for a \$20 wine, if I write them at all. While Chester Osborn may be farming 37 varieties and making many more wines, he has in no way neglected this classic. In fact, this is the best d’Arry’s Original in recent memory, though Chester’s father, d’Arry Osborn, may remember better since he created the original “Burgundy” blend in the 1960s. This is a lovely, bright, sassy wine, more about elemental sensations than any direct fruit. The grape-skin freshness of its tannins seems to reflect the cool, late vintage, delivering a sensation like the pure brisk feel of snow melt. The texture is supple, with some rocky edges, and there’s a spice to the wine, a bright fruit character shadowed by gamey notes. Simple, classic and delicious.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits
January 21, 2021

92 pts/VERY GOOD “This deep purple colored 50/50 Grenache and Syrah blend opens with a very fragrant strawberry and blueberry pie bouquet with hints of raspberry and balsam (pine cone). On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, slightly acidic and juicy. The flavor profile is a stewed black plum and stony mineral blend with notes of oak, black licorice, blueberry and fig. We also detected a hint of strawberry at the very end. The finish is dry and its flavors and its tannins linger and last for a while after the wine is gone. This wine certainly over-delivers for its price tag. I would pair it with grilled steak tips or a juicy mushroom and bacon burger on Wednesday night.”

Ken Hoggins
Ken’s Wine Guide
April 5, 2021

91 pts/VALUE PICK OF THE WEEK “Juicy, plump cherry, blackberry and blueberry flavors mingle with vanilla bean, mocha and nutmeg details in this red. The tannins are firm, and there’s a savory, sanguine note in the background, plus a lingering hint of roasted chestnut. Shiraz and Grenache.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
November 11, 2020



91 pts “Excellent release. It has some volume. Raspberry and black cherry with saltbush and briar notes. It holds up well through the full length of the palate. Recommended.”

Campbell Mattinson
Halliday Wine Companion
August 6, 2020

91 pts “A very attractive array of raspberry-driven aromas with a sleek, drinkable palate. Super fine tannins carry redcurrant, red-plum, raspberry and blueberry flavors in linear mode. Stunning value, like a good Cotes du Rhone.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
May 26, 2020

89 pts “This 50-50 blend of Grenache and Shiraz from a comparatively cool vintage, starts out fleshy, fruity and attractive, with ripe blueberries and violets at the fore, backed by soft peppercorn and earthy, savory spice. Then come the tannins - chiseled, drying, granular in texture and all-encompassing. The fruit manages to poke its head out but is soon muscled out by the massive tannins that don’t quite integrate.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
April 30, 2021