

2020 d'ARENBERG THE HERMIT CRAB

Review Summary



91 pts “Pale yellow. Expansive nectarine, pear and orange zest aromas pick up ginger and honey nuances with air. Round and supple on the palate, offering pear nectar, citrus fruit and floral flavors and a deeper suggestion of peach nectar that appears on the back half. Shows good heft as well as energy and finishes silky and long, with a refreshingly bitter orange pith nuance and building florality.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
September 1, 2022

89 pts “A 75-25 blend, d'Arenberg's 2020 The Hermit Crab Viognier Marsanne features some slightly pungent, boxwood-like aromas alongside ripe notes of apricot and pear. It's broad and ripe on the full-bodied palate, expansive and mouthfilling yet not overly heavy, with a burst of citrus and a delicate touch of phenolics that bring focus and lift to the finish.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
August 31, 2021

89 pts “Attractive apricots and peaches lead this on the nose with hints of lemon and apple in behind. Very fruit-focused. The palate has a fresh and ripe core of the same stone fruit with a soft, buttery texture.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
August 10, 2021

89 pts “...A warm and torrid vintage has nevertheless been placated with ample fruit and a bright line of bath-salted acidity. Think vanillin oak, dried straw matting, orange verbena and faint stone-fruit allusions, all strung taut by a chord of underlying mineral. Solid.”

Ned Goodwin, MW
Halliday Wine Companion
August 13, 2021

88 pts “Plump peach, honeysuckle and citrus notes are appealing and have an accent of white tea and ripe melon on the finish. Viognier and Marsanne.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
August 31, 2021