

2018 d'ARENBERG THE DERELICT VINEYARD

Review Summary



93 pts "This has a very pure feel with such bright raspberry and red cherry, as well as some lightly perfumed notes. Such vividly appealing fragrance with some blood orange, too. The palate has a long, juicy drive of ripe fruit and delivers a focused, spicy red-fruit core. The tannins are well defined and long."

Nick Stock JamesSuckling.com March 30, 2022

92 pts "The ancient vines that deliver this grenache were once abandoned and about to be pulled out after fortified wines lost favor and white varieties took off. Chester Osborn used that moment to buy up these parcels, adding them to his family's estate. They now produce grenache that cascades with fruit in 2018, floral and sunny wild strawberry flavors and sweet lavender perfume. Tannins hold it tight, so the wine feels refined and juicy at once. This should develop well in the cellar."

Joshua Greene Wine & Spirits January 21, 2021

92 pts "It's a strident, structural grenache with a dry, tannic finish. It feels hard to love at first, but as it breathes the fruit slowly mounts a charm offensive. It's pretty handy. In fact, it's pretty good. Firm, sandy tannin, bay leaf and floral infusions, and enough red berries/licorice."

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