

2018 d'ARENBERG THE IRONSTONE PRESSINGS

Review Summary



96 pts “This is a blend of 75% grenache, 20% shiraz and 5% mourvedre with the shiraz component selected for its spicy and lively style. Grenache is the star here, holding a very fresh and spicy edge to the nose with some fresh, earthy elements, too. On the palate there’s plenty of raspberries, blueberries and blue plums, carried on long, sheet-like tannins. Detailed and pure.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
April 4, 2022

94 pts “The 2018 Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre The Ironstone Pressings is proudly old school; it’s a rustic expression and built to last. The aromas are powerful, muscular and meaty; they reflect well-ripened fruit, earth and dried spice scents with a heart of baked cherries and supporting cedar oak. Dry, firm tannins support a raft of savory flavors, including old iron and meat stock, through to a lengthy finish.”

Angus Hughson
Vinous
February 2023

90 pts “Gentle winter warming notes of black pepper, cloves and bay leaf weave between plump plum and blackcurrant fruit and graphite. The palate offers a lovely texture and savoriness with powerfully taut, well-placed—if drying—tannins, and a tang of juicy acidity that makes this a wine that drinks well now with rich, meaty dishes like barbecue ribs. Could cellar until around 2030.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
March 2023

90 pts “A big mouthful of a wine, with concentrated blackberry and cassis flavors, dried sage, laurel bay leaf, tobacco and cedar notes. Delivering tannins that are appealing in their density, this is firm but with savory appeal on the finish. Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvèdre. Best after 2031.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
March 2023