

THE ANTHROPOCENE EPOCH

Mencia 2017

Mclaren Vale, Mencia (100%)



Dan Traucki

This is the second release of this sensational wine and it is even better than the first. Mencia is a rare Spanish Variety that is making a comeback, and this one is a cracker. It is inky purple in colour, has lovely alluring plum & red berry aromas. It is smooth and rich for such a young wine, has a hint of fruit sweetness on the front palate and a nice drying tight finish. It will evolve into a superb wine.

92 Points

Steve Leszczynski

QWine

Another intriguing name from the creative juices of Chester Osborn. The Anthropocene Epoch is all about humanity's impact on the planet. Not surprisingly, this is made from biodynamic and organic fruit.

The second release of this wine and a step up on the previous. Such a pleasurable drink offering fistfuls of red berry and plum fruit. Quite generous with a cheeky lick of sweetness, I find the smooth delivery and raspy/dusty tannins to finish quite alluring. Delicious!

Drink now to three years.

93 Points

Peter Chapman

Toowoomba Chronicle

93 Points

Patrick Eckel

Wine Reviewer

An attractive, youthful red in the glass. The nose is laced with strawberry, blackberry and plum fruits with a suggestion of spice. The juicy, primary fruited goodness of the nose meets a more savoury, white pepper like tannin structure that gives contrast. The finish is long and drying with fruit shining through with some unsweetened liquorice for good measure.

Drinking well now, but has the structure to enjoy time in the cellar.

Dr Peter Hay

Medical Observer

Okay, so the name is very d'Arenbergian and relates to the current geological age (starting about 1950) and man's dominant influence on the planet, such as nuclear bomb tests. D'Arenberg's influence on Australia, while not quite as earth-shattering, is shaking the very foundation of how we like to think about wine, its origins and what can be done with it. This is a very hip Spanish grape variety that's funky, spicy and easy to drink. It has highish alcohol but is balanced by great tannins. All in all, it's a trademark d'Arenberg wine and -- best of all -- it's a joy to drink as well as a lot of fun!

93 Points

James Halliday

James Halliday The Australian Wine Companion 2019

It presents a genuinely different flavour profile and it does so in attractive style. It steps swiftly into sweet-sour territory but there's a leathery, almost raisiny character and a brush of violets too. It's a mid-weight red with texture on its side, not to mention 'difference'. This is well worth seeking out.