



# The Derelict Vineyard Grenache 2010

*McLaren Vale, Grenache (100%)*

*Wine & Spirits Magazine, USA, 2014*

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It's rare to find this kind of elasticity in the fruit of grenache, the earthy tannins snapping back on the concentrated old-vine fruit. This is supple and bold, with complex layers of flavor that touch on red fruit leather, strawberry seeds and dark, smoky notes of earth. The intensity of the wine's flavor loops back in the end, lasting for minutes in its clear, numinous beauty. Chester Osborn has been collecting ancient, derelict vineyards for more than two decades, restoring their vines to something like productivity. They performed remarkably well through the hot days and cool nights of the 2010 season.

*The Weekly Review, Geelong VIC, March 2015*

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*Decanter Magazine, February 2015, Bernard Hicken*

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*Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, Aug 2014*

90 Points

*Canberra Times, Nov 2014, Fergus McGhie*

There's some juicy red berry fruit here; imagine redcurrants and cherries. Surrounding the fruit though are layers of savoury earthiness – tar, leather and spice flavours come to mind. The tannins are firm and grippy with a stone-like tang, the perfect foil to the ripe flavours of the fruit. It's the sort of wine that makes me think of putting something on the barbecue and drinking it this weekend but I'm fairly sure there's plenty of potential here for the Derelict Vineyard to mature for a decade or more in a good cellar.