

# THE DERELICT VINEYARD

## Grenache 2013

McLaren Vale, Grenache (100%)

### 91 Points

*Wine Enthusiast*

The d'Arenberg style favors structure over plushness, even in Grenache. This is crisp and firm, its cranberryish fruit tinged with hints of raspberry, orange zest, cinnamon and clove. Give it a few years to soften.

*Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine*

Brimming with sweet, pure fruit, this excellent example shows a faint whiff of spice, mild earthiness and fine, gritty tannins adding length, savouriness and minerality.

**Dan Traucki**

Gentle aromas of plums and red berries, with great flavours and good depth. Still tight on the finish and needing more time to fully blossom and peak. WILL BE A CRACKER in time.  
As they say "patience grasshopper"

### 94 Points

**Peter Chapman**

*Toowomba Chronicle*

The label looks like a Japanese proverb. While it's impossible to interpret, the wine certainly isn't. Nice rich mocha and blackberry flavours.

### 92 Points

**Josh Reynolds**

*Vinous*

Deep ruby. Complex, highly perfumed dark berry, succulent herb and Asian spice scents, along with a building floral quality. Sweet and velvety in the mouth, offering deep-pitched flavors of black raspberry, anise and smoky minerals. Very long and perfumed on the finish, where harmonious tannins add gentle grip.

### 91 Points

*QWine*

Grenache worth sinking your teeth into. Dense, pools of serenity engulf the mouth. The back label says, "At a time when Grenache was considered unfashionable, Chester acquired many old bush vine, overgrown and abandoned vineyards." Grenache seems trendy again - one just took out the coveted Jimmy Watson Trophy for the first time - great to see. I love the variety.

What seems boundless raspberries dipped in chocolate, the fruit presses on through the mouth stealth like. Drying, it pushes through like a locomotive moving slowly gaining momentum. A zip of brightish acid sits up tall ensuring there is an insurance policy for aging. A few hours in the glass proved that. Drink now or for the next decade.

**Regan Drew**

*Vino Notebook*

A little darker than most from the region: Perfume of bike tyre, blueberry, cherry, raspberry, chalk and sweet but not sickly chocolaty oak. Lovely choc-nut flavours and mineral veins course through that dark plump fruit. There's sandy tannins well supported by taut acidity. Still so very youthful and fresh. Plenty of yum factor.

### 4.5 Stars

**John Lewis**

Garnet-hued and has berry pastille scents and plush mulberry front-palate flavour. The middle palate has rhubarb, black pepper, licorice and spicy oak and ferric tannins at the finish.

