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MEDIA REVIEWS

Stone's Original Green Ginger Wine

7/10 - Geelong Advertiser, Phillip Stubbs, 14.06.08

"An oft companion and tall story spinner around the campfire, the classic Stone's Green Ginger Wine is finding a new life as a mixer, cocktail or even as a dessert sorbet. I drank it over ice, which allowed the more delicate spices to fill the gaps between the full ginger onslaught and allowed taste rather than alcohol to hit the palate. There are fine nuances to be enjoyed, so grab some and have a go exploring."

Herald Sun - Paddy Kendler, 29.04.08

"A recent sampling of the various Stones Green Ginger Wine products, made under licence in Australia by Angove's, proved the products are as good as ever. Add a decent splash of Stones to a Thai green curry. Believe me, it works a treat!"

Australian Good Taste - Greg Duncan Powell, April 2008

"This golden-brown wine with a strong ginger aroma is the Hills Hoist of the Australian bar, a unique Aussie beverage that has several uses. Some love to use it as a marinade or to spice up a stir-fry, while others like to drink it straight or add a little to scotch, brandy or even beer. Its also great in cocktails."

The Age, Willie Simpson, 10.07.07

"It is certainly the right time of year to break out things such as Stone's Green Ginger Wine. It's just the thing to put in a hipflask for that brisk country walk or an afternoon at the footy; you can even use this stuff in cooking, adding a generous slurp to Asian stir-fries and marinades."

QHA Review - Go Green

"Stone's Green Ginger wine is a rich gold brown colour with a powerful, pungent ginger aroma. The spicy character is balanced by a softening sweetness. The warming aftertaste contributes a certain glow on the palate. Ideal on its own or as a mixer in many exotic cocktails. Stone's Original Green Ginger Wine can even be had with Sparkling Wine or a dash in your favourite beer to really warm you up inside. Stone's is used by haute cuisine chefs as a base ingredient for many recipes, and is found behind most bars and bottle shops, it has one of the widest distributions of any liquor product."

Quaff 2007 - Peter Forrestal

"Some things never change. This has lively ginger beer aromas, is soft and sweet, and manages to avoid being cloying. For lovers of the style."

★★★★ 4 Stars - Winestate New Releases, September/October 2004

"An abundant weight of fresh ginger on the nose, with plenty of spice for backing. Ample sweet ginger flavours evolve on the palate, with warming alcohol washing over the finish."

93/100 - The Advertiser, Bargain Buy - Philip White, 18th June 2003

"I KNOW it's winter when the Stone's finds itself at the top of my vinous IN tray. The bottle seems to be empty more frequently than most of the others that cross my desk - it never survives petanque, where this glorious warmer actually makes one's throwing arm swing in a more relaxed and fluid manner. I'm told the drink has a similar effect on the craft of fishing."

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Quaff 2011 - Peter Forrestal

'The Best Wines in Australia Under \$15 - Rating: Pretty Good

"It's a bit the same with Stones. I admitted last year that fresh ginger and honey had become a regular cure for the common cold at our place - with the addition of some Stones Original. Elaine has become more addicted to it than me and so the bottles often finished before my cold. With the Original, it's still the lively ginger beer aromatics, the gentle sweetness that is never cloying."

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Premium
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★★★★½ Winestate May/June 2008

"Sweet ginger bouquet with a thread of lemon citrus aromas and a very refreshing sweet ginger palate that has quite a light spritzug character with warming alcohol. Good drinking."

Echo - 07.06.08

"Another string to the Angove's' bow is the production, under license, of Stone's Green Ginger Ale products. If you didn't get acquainted last summer with the latest addition to the Stone's family, Stone's Premium Alcoholic Ginger Beer, I suggest you give this refreshing, ridgy-didge fully brewed beer a try the next time you work up a thirst."

Townsville Bulletin - Josh Altson, 02.05.08

"Let's get one thing straight, this is NOT Stone's Ginger Wine -this is a completely different kettle of fish. This time around I was way more impressed than before. It's not a ginger onslaught-this drink has a sweet-ish twinge to it as well as the sharp bitterness of beer and of course the ginger flavour. It is demonically refreshing and as strong as your average full-strength beer, so you're not losing out on anything in the alcohol stakes. And before you write it off as some trendy beer your uni student budget simply can't allow for, it's cheap to boot. The Verdict: They should put one of these in every O-Week bag in the first week of uni. Cheap drinking doesn't need to come from a cask."

★★★★ 4 Stars - Winestate Summer Beer Tasting, May/June 2008

The Advertiser - Mike Gribble, April 2008

"While summer's heat wasn't a hit with everyone, Angove's offers a spicy way to wrap up the warmth with enduring memories. Since 2001, the makers of Stone's Green Ginger Wine have blitzed the ginger beer market with a neat bite of root in this little brewed aside. The brand now sports a crown seal and comes in six-packs, rather than four. And little wonder; those yet to try it will be hard-pressed to stop at four. At 4.8% alc/vol its not too heady for an indulgent session and packs just enough alcohol to lift its ginger to heralded heights. Its sweetness is unobtrusive and its effervescent bubbles will take you back to the shed and dad's seconded longnecks in brewing days of yore. So, farewell the heatwave and quenching beers and hello cool canoodling with six-packs for about \$15."

The Wine & Spirit Insider Nov/Dec 2007

"Summer Beer Tasting - "A clean crisp, well balanced style with, not surprisingly, heaps of ginger characters dominating both the nose and palate."

e-vine - Martin Field, 06.07.06

"Pale, white and slightly cloudy. Appetising tangy fresh ginger nose. Faintly sweet in the mouth with pleasant root ginger zinginess."

8.5/10 - Northern Star Grape Expectations - Max Crus, 01.07.06

"And here's a drink worth trying: Stone's Premium Alcoholic Ginger Beer. Dangerous stuff. Delicious and thirst quenching in a way few soft drinks are, and therefore extremely easy to drink, yet as potent as your average beer."

Ralph Magazine - Michael Pickering, April 2006

"You know those nights when the thought of one more beer is just too much? OK, it's a statement bordering on insanity, but it happens. If swapping lager for the hard stuff also seems a step too far, try a Stone's. It labours under the "ginger beer" label, but it is alcoholic and therefore tops in cocktails with vodka, rum or gin. It also doesn't bloat you like beer or wreck you completely like spirits. Very underrated - just like Brad Hogg."

The Key Report - Tony Keys, 1st February 2006

"A stubby of Stone's Alcoholic Ginger Beer appeared on the bench a couple of weeks ago. It's stunning; real ginger bite that dissipates leaving the taste buds zinging but not burning. For a 35 degree day when most alcohol, even beer, isn't really refreshing, this is wonderful stuff. (It's now on the regular Keys' family shopping list.)"

Inside Sport - February 2006

"All beer is good, though some beers are decidedly better than others. Once of those better beers is Stone's Premium Alcoholic Ginger Beer - which combines all the goodness of beer with all the goodness of ginger."