



## 2004 THE LAUGHING MAGPIE SHIRAZ VIOGNIER

### Region

McLaren Vale, South Australia

### Varieties

Shiraz (94%)

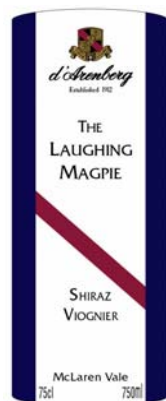
Viognier (6%)

### Maturation

French and  
American oak

### Technical Analysis

alc/vol



### Background

The bushland that surrounds the family's vineyards is home to the unique native Australian bird, the Kookaburra, famous for its distinctive laughing call. Much to the amusement of the family, the daughters of winemaker, Chester, called their two wild pet Kookaburra's the "Laughing Magpies". The Magpie, a black and white bird bears no resemblance to its famous cousin, but to this day the likeable Kookaburra is known at the winery as the "Laughing Magpie".

The Osborns thought the name a good choice for the black Shiraz variety and its white partner, Viognier. This style was originally made famous in the Côte Rotie district of France's Rhone Valley.

### Tasting Notes

Vivid dark purple in color. The viognier adds fragrance and the perfume of flowers, nectarines, ginger and herbs, serving to enhance the very ripe spectrum of the shiraz - blackberry, blueberry and boysenberry.

These same characters are also evident on the palate and prevail with a smooth glycerol impact, following through to the mid palate with fruity tannin. The structure has an accent on fine structure and gritty long fruit tannin.

After time in bottle the d'Arenberg's Laughing Magpie's flavors should intensify. The restrained tannin and acidity will produce a seamless velvety rolling length with age.

### Additional Notes:

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