



## 2005 THE LAST DITCH VIOGNIER

### Region

McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills

### Variety

Viognier

### Maturation

9 months in 4 –10 year old French oak barriques

### Technical Analysis

13.5% alc/vol



### Tasting Notes

The 2005 release is a very youthful Viognier with a brilliant, mid-straw appearance with green tints. The lifted aroma of ginger, summer flowers, and tropical fruits is intertwined with the classic spectrums of nectarine, white peach and ripe apricot skin.

The palate is tight; initially dominated with cool mineral characters, and then you are hit with the tropical fruits, stonefruits and glycerol. Acidity is low but the palate is beautifully balanced, with a long-lasting, persistent finish. A medium weight wine offering a huge spectrum of characters, complexity and flavors. Drink now and over the next 3 to 4 years.

### Additional Notes:

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### Background

Shiraz, grenache and mourvedre have been the backbone of d'Arenberg's vineyards since the 1880's. These three are also the traditional red wine mainstays of the Rhône Valley in France, while the best whites are made from the trio of Viognier, Marsanne and Roussanne. It was not until 1995 that the plantings at the bottom of the vineyard known as 'The Last Ditch' were replaced with these, the first ever plantings of viognier, marsanne and roussanne in the district.

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