



2006 d'ARENBERG THE TWENTYEIGHT ROAD MOURVEDRE

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Mourvedre
MATURATION: 12 months in new & older French & American barriques
ALCOHOL: 14.5% alc/vol

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

The name of this wine is derived from the crooked dirt road that runs the length of d'Arenberg's Mourvedre vineyard. Some claim Twentyeight Road is so named for being 28 'chains' in length. Others claim it was because it runs to the original 128th linear map division of the district.

WINEMAKING:

The 2006 vintage started early and finished early. Overall quality was excellent for whites and reds and in particular, Mourvedre. The dry winter followed by heavy rains in spring resulted in vines with healthy and balanced canopies on most soils. Each batch of fruit was gently crushed in Demoisy open-mouthed, rubber-toothed crushers then transferred to open fermenters. The must received no plunging or pumping over while fermentation occurred. After foot-treading and basket pressing, the elements were transferred to barrel to complete fermentation.

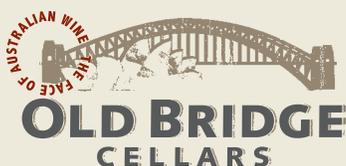
TASTING NOTES:

The palate has a soft, rich, polished entry with plenty of concentration and power. The fruit weight and juicy length of flavor is excellent and wonderfully balanced with acidity and long firm tannins. Violet, cranberry, dark cherry and prune notes mix well with edges of dried herbs and some nutty, vanillin oak adding further definition and focus.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 91 pts - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 90 pts - James Halliday's The Wine Companion

ABOUT d'ARENBERG:

One of the undisputed kings of Australian Shiraz and Rhone varietals, d'Arenberg has managed to turn individuality into an art form by doing a whole lot of little things differently. The original vineyards were established by Joseph Osborn in 1912 in the McLaren Vale region of South Australia. A century on, the estate has grown to 345 acres, and the mantle now rests with fourth-generation winemaker Chester Osborn. By maintaining a focus on traditional winemaking and nurturing their old-vine material, the Osborn clan has successfully established themselves as one of the country's leading producers of concentrated, characterful wines. Ranked among Australia's Top 10 Shiraz producers by Wine & Spirits Magazine in July 2007, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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