

2006 d'ARENBERG THE NOBLE RIESLING

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
ALCOHOL: 9.5% alc/vol

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

May 1985 saw d'Arenberg's first "Noble" attempt. The extraordinary coincidence of biological events and contradictions required to produce "Botrytis Cinerea" mold occurred. Two decades on, d'Arenberg has an enviable reputation for "sticky" sweet dessert wines.

WINEMAKING:

The effect of "Botrytis Cinerea" is to make the skin of the grapes porous and given the correct weather, shrivel with sweetness. Late harvesting took place by hand when the botrytis cinerea infections were at an optimal point. The fruit was gently crushed, receiving a small amount of skin contact in small tanks for a number of days then gently pressed off using basket presses. Fermentation occurred in a number of small tanks using neutral yeast. The fermentation was stopped mid-way through to retain the considerable level of residual sugars.

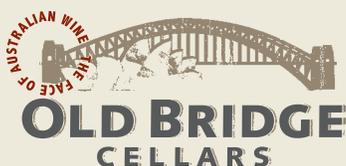
TASTING NOTES:

The 2006 Noble Riesling is a classic, rich, Australian-style dessert wine. The color has a deep yellow-gold appearance with the wine displaying intensely perfumed tropical fruit, white peach, nectarine and passionfruit characters. The palate is lush and mouth-coating with exotic flavors of nectarine stone, pear, crème caramel, citrus peel, and blood orange marmalade. The Noble Riesling has superb fruit concentration and length, its overall balance kept in check with moderately low alcohol and fine, lacy acidity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 89 pts- James Halliday's Wine Companion, 88 pts -Wine Enthusiast

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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