



2007 d'ARENBERG THE TWENTYEIGHT ROAD MOURVEDRE

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Mourvedre
MATURATION :	12 months in new & older French 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 :

Small batches are crushed in the Demoisy open-mouthed, rubber toothed crusher and then transferred to five ton headed-down open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. When tannin extraction is just right the wine is basket pressed and transferred to old French oak barriques to complete primary and secondary fermentation. In barrel the wine is left on lees to slow aging and keep the wine fresher while also reducing the oak influence. There is no racking until final blending.

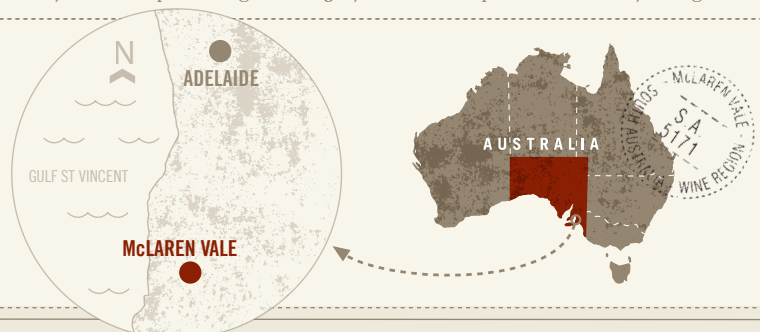
TASTING NOTES :

The aroma opens with cherries and blackberry that make way for characters of charcuterie with a floral background. The palate is focused with red fruits balanced with savory characteristics of ripe dried herbs, roasted vegetables, cooked meats. The palate builds with thyme adding complexity to the finish with long gritty tannins. This tightly structured wine will reward with cellaring. Decanting recommended.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 91 pts - Robert Parker, 89+ pts - Stephen Tanzer

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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