









2007 d'ARENBERG THE DRY DAM RIESLING

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn

R E G I O N: McLaren Vale, South Australia

VARIETALS: Riesling

FERMENTATION: Cool stainless steel fermentation with selected neutral yeasts

ALCOHOL: 11.5% alc/vol

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

The original d'Arenberg Riesling vineyard neighbored a property on which a dam was built, yet due to an extremely dry winter, remained dry the first year. While rain came the next year, the dam failed yet again to hold any water.

WINEMAKING:

The fruit for The Dry Dam Riesling was selected from three separate picks over eight vineyards where many are dry-grown. Highly clarified free run juice was collected for this wine from the basket press. Fermentation was long and cool with use of neutral yeasts in temperature controlled vessels to allow the full expression of fruit characters to emerge.

TASTING NOTES:

On the youthful nose, jubilant florals jump out of the glass with notes of citrus blossom, spice, grapefruit, and green apple. As the wine opens up, tropical fruit, lime and mineral notes from the soil become more obvious. The palate is elegantly framed with excellent flavor ripeness and concentration. The long finish is dry with elevated, but silky, acidity. With bottle age, the wine develops richer floral notes, honeysuckle and peach characters, and the elegant palate will become fuller and richer.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90+ pts - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 90 pts - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 89 pts - Wine Spectator, 87 pts BEST BUY- Wine & Spirits

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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