

2007 d'ARENBERG THE FOOTBOLT SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Chester Osborn
REGION:	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	20 months in new & older French & American barriques
ANALYSIS:	14.5% alc/vol 7.3 g/L TA 3.38 pH

BACKGROUND:

Joseph Rowe Osborn, a South Australian racehorse owner of the early 1900s, happened upon a chestnut colt named "Footbolt" who delivered a winning streak of six races early in his career. From the winnings, Joseph was able to purchase the first of the d'Arenberg vineyards, and establish what are now the oldest vineyards in McLaren Vale.

VINTAGE NOTES:

Owing largely to drought and a warm start to summer, the 2007 vintage started extremely early. These conditions reduced shoot length and berry and bunch sizes, resulting in lower yields than usual. In late January a 50mm downpour came as a welcome relief for many of the dry grown vineyards that contribute to The Footbolt Shiraz. Moderately warm weather followed to ripen the fruit in low stress conditions that resulted in good flavour concentration and excellent levels of natural acidity.

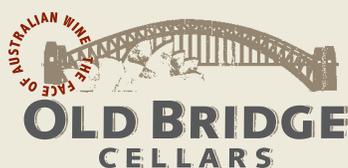
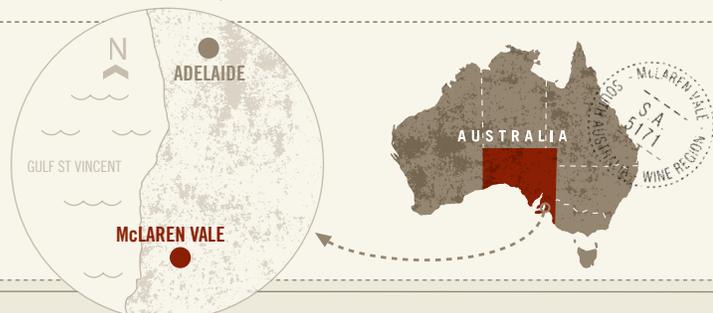
TASTING NOTES:

The 2007 Footbolt Shiraz offers a lifted nose of floral notes and pretty red fruit with a dusty earthiness and subtle new leather character coming through as the wine opens up. The palate is juicy, yet restrained with plum, blackcurrant and raspberry fruit characters, building to a peppery finish with chewy tannins and lively acidity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts Wine Enthusiast, 90+ pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 90 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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.



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