



2008 d'ARENBERG CADENZIA

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Grenache (25%), Shiraz (24%), Mourvedre (23%), Tempranillo (23%), Cinsault (5%)
MATURATION :	10 months in new and older American & French oak barriques
ALCOHOL :	14.5% alc/vol

BACKGROUND :

The inspiration behind this name came from the word 'Cadenza' which is an impassioned improvisation played by a virtuoso soloist toward the end of a musical performance. Cadenzia is made in celebration of the winemakers' opportunity, after vintage, to blend an exceptional McLaren Vale wine based on the Grenache variety.

WINEMAKING :

Parcels of each varietal are gently crushed and fermented in small batches in traditional headed-down open fermenters, followed by foot-treading. The skins are then gently pressed in traditional 19th century 'Coq' and 'Bromley & Tregoning' basket presses prior to maturation in French and American oak barriques for 10 months.

TASTING NOTES :

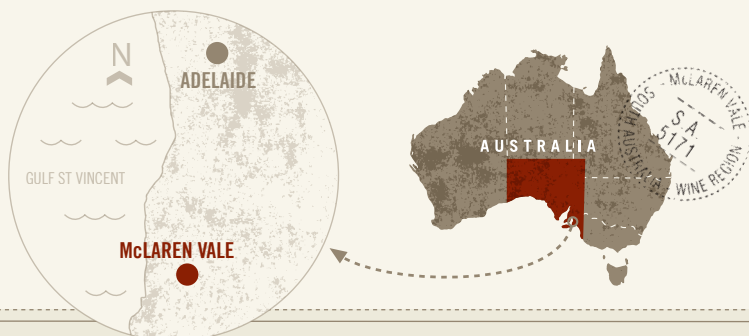
The floral nose combines with fresh raspberry, blueberry and strawberry characters alongside brioche and a savory sage character. Red fruits dominate the palate with a touch of violet, cola and spices showing through. Gritty mineral tannins keep the complex palate focused and provide a long finish with a lingering fresh strawberry flavor.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

91pts Wine & Spirits, 90 pts Stephen Tanzer, 88 pts Wine Spectator, 86 pts Robert Parker

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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