



## 2008 d'ARENBERG d'ARRY'S ORIGINAL

WINEMAKER:	Chester Osborn
REGION:	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz (67%), Grenache (33%)
MATURATION:	20 months in new & older French & American barriques
ALCOHOL:	14.5% alc/vol

### THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

This wine is named in honor of d'Arenberg's principal, Francis d'Arry d'Arenberg Osborn, whose winemaking career began at this family winery more than a half a century ago. d'Arry's blend, launched some four decades ago, continues as it began - a blend of Shiraz and Grenache sourced from d'Arenberg's own low-yielding, 19th century vineyards.

### VINTAGE:

A normal spring and an unseasonably cool January and February meant most vines remained stress free and for early-picked parcels flavor ripeness was achieved at lower sugar levels with high natural acidity. A sustained heat wave in early March forced frantic picking and resulted in richer characters.

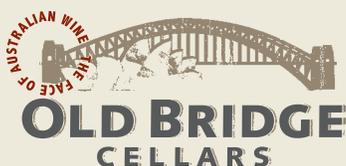
### TASTING NOTES:

The fruit was gently crushed in rubber-toothed Demoisy crushers then transferred to headed-down open fermenters, with a small amount of the Shiraz fruit undergoing carbonic maceration. The lifted nose is packed with dark fruit, attractive spice and cracked pepper. There is a lifted floral note that brings elegance to what is clearly a generous wine. A velvety palate flaunts a core of concentrated red and dark fruits with hints of licorice and lavender supported by fine, subtle tannins.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 90 pts Stephen Tanzer, 89 pts Wine Spectator

### 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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