



## 2008 d'ARENBERG THE DRY DAM RIESLING

WINEMAKER:	Chester Osborn
REGION:	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 four 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.

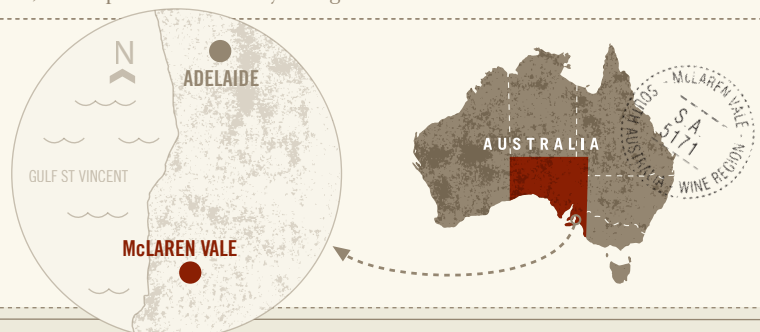
### TASTING NOTES:

The palate is extremely youthful and elegantly framed, dominated with lime juice, ripe florals, red apple and lemony-grapefruit notes. The balance of fruit sweetness, palate softness and very precise acidity is superb. The lingering dry length of flavour and intensity dominated by minerals and lime juice is a clear give away that this is not a normal McLaren Vale Riesling.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 89 pts - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 88 pts/Best Buy - Wine & Spirits, 88 pts - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 88 pts - Wine Enthusiast

### 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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