



## 2008 d'ARENBERG THE HIGH TRELLIS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**WINEMAKER:** Chester Osborn  
**REGION:** McLaren Vale, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% alc/vol | 3.48pH | TA 7.0 g/L

### THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

The High Trellis vineyard has been producing grapes since the late nineteenth century. It was nicknamed "The High Trellis" as its vines were the first at d'Arenberg to be trained above knee-height in the 1890's.

### WINEMAKING:

Small batches are crushed in the Demoisy open-mouthed, rubber toothed crusher and then transferred to open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. When tannin extraction is just right the wine is basket pressed and transferred to a mixture of older French and old American oak barriques to complete fermentations. The barrel fermented component is aged on lees for 12 months to keep the wine fresh while also reducing the oak influence.

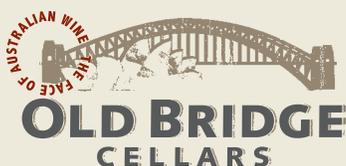
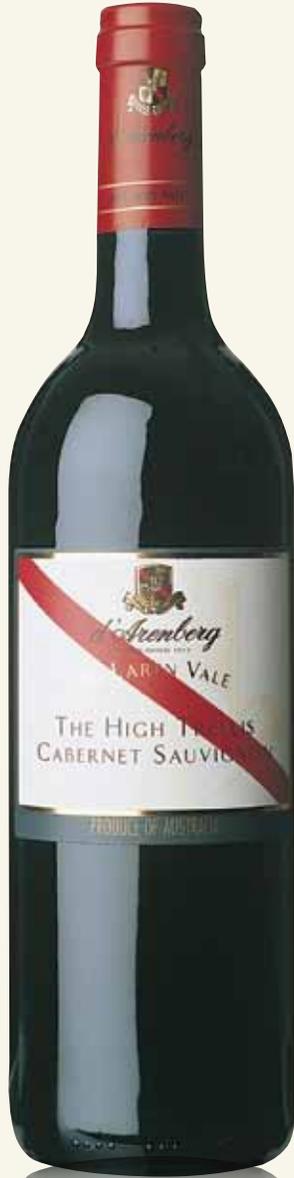
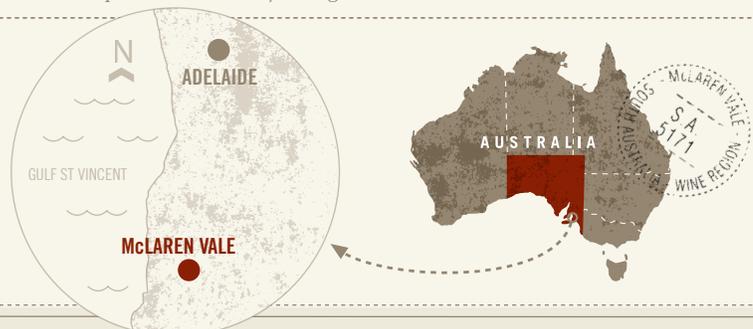
### TASTING NOTES:

The nose is full of blackcurrant and blueberry characters with a lovely mint leaf lift and a spicy undertone. The characters are ripe, yet remain balanced with touches of florals adding elegance. Dark plum and red fruits are added to the mix before a savory mid palate emerges with earthy characters, hints of coffee, black olive and more spice framed well by fine gravelly tannins and just a hint of oak. Considering the challenging vintage conditions, the generous fruit flavor is surprisingly well balanced by earth notes, flowers and leafy lift along with good tannin structure.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 87 pts Stephen Tanzer, 85 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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