



2008 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP RED

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvedre
MATURATION: 50% matured in seasoned oak casks for 6 months
ANALYSIS: 14% alc/vol | pH 3.36

BACKGROUND:

The name 'Stump Jump' relates to the significant South Australian invention – the Stump Jump plough. This plough became a popular piece of machinery for ploughing fields because of its ability to ride over stumps and gnarled "mallee" Eucalypt roots and snags, saving valuable time and resources by not stopping the draught horse.

THE VINTAGE:

2008 was a tale of two vintages with a mixture of cool conditions and an extended period of heat. Good winter rains set the vines up well with healthy canopies, while a normal spring and a very cool January and February meant the vines were able to ripen without stress. A sustained heat wave in early March caused the grapes to finish ripening quickly and saw some quick harvesting which resulted in wines that are a tasty blend of elegance and generosity.

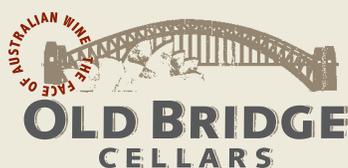
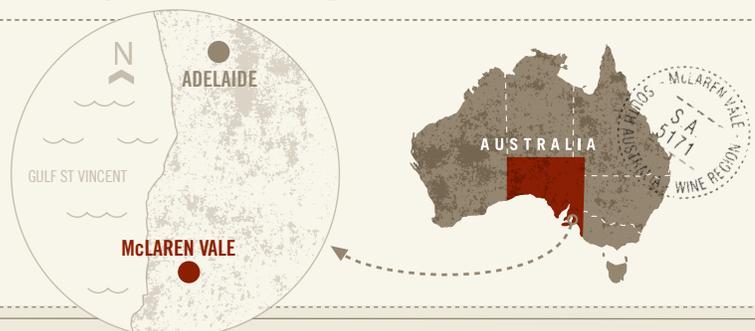
TASTING NOTES:

The 2008 Stump Jump Red has a nose of ripe and juicy red fruits and fresh plums mixed with dark cherry, rhubarb and cardamon. The palate is soft and generous, with juicy fresh red berries, mulberry and a hint of pomegranate. Underlying is a more subtle layer of plum stone, star anise and cinnamon which adds complexity and interest, with soft powdery tannins to finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts - Top 100 Wines of 2010 Wine Spectator, 88 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. 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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