



2008 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP VERDELHO

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Verdelho
MATURATION: 50% matured in seasoned oak casks for 6 months
ALCOHOL: 13% alc/vol

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:

The 2008 vintage was a cool one in McLaren Vale which allowed Verdelho to ripen with great flavor and acidity. Healthy rains in winter and spring set up the vines perfectly and allowed for stress free conditions from veraison to harvesting. Cool temperatures in February meant that intensity of flavor ripeness was achieved at a low level of pH and high levels of natural acidity-perfect.

TASTING NOTES:

An enticing floral tropical character is noticeable first on the nose with white stone fruits, figs and flower stems in the background. There is good palate weight with pear and lemon characters making way for stone fruits on the mid palate. The acidity and minerality make for a clean and crisp finish. A balanced palate makes this a great accompaniment to a variety of foods, from fresh swordfish to spicy chicken stir fry.

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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