



2008 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP WHITE

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling (55%), Sauvignon Blanc (17%), Marsanne (17%), Roussanne (11%)
ANALYSIS: 13% alc/vol | 6.2 g/L TA | 3.37 pH

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 great year for white wines in McLaren Vale. Healthy rains in winter and spring set allowed for stress free conditions from veraison to harvest. Cool temperatures in February meant that intensity of flavour ripeness was achieved at low level of pH and good levels of natural acidity. Hot conditions in early March helped the late ripening Marsanne and Roussanne to produce wonderful fruit characters.

TASTING NOTES:

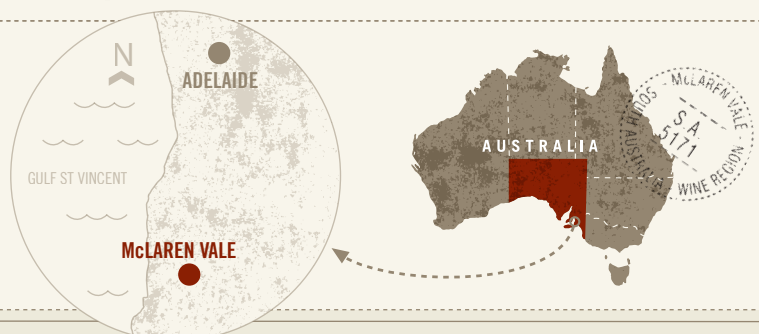
Its nose is initially dominated by Riesling notes of citrus and lime, with passionfruit and tropical fruit from the Sauvignon Blanc emerging. Spices, musk, freshly cut flower stems and almonds round out the mid-palate, finished with great textural richness and crisp, clean acidity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

87 pts Wine Spectator, 87 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

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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