



2009 d'ARENBERG THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW GRENACHE

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	Beautiful View sub region - McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Grenache
MATURATION :	8-10 months in new & old French oak barriques
ALCOHOL :	15% alc/vol

BACKGROUND :

This part of McLaren Vale was originally known as Bellevue, which is French for beautiful view. The d'Arenberg winery is located here and the view from the property lives up to the name. Within the wider McLaren Vale G.I, Beautiful View is located centrally between the ocean and the hills. The altitude varies from 70m to 120m above sea level, making it one of the cooler sub-regions. The boundaries of The Beautiful View sub-region are defined by the underlying geology, the majority of which is 34 to 56 million year-old Blanche Point Formation. This sub-region contains old vine Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvèdre dating back to the 19th century. The best parcels from this sub-region often form the core of The Ironstone Pressings.

WINEMAKING :

Fruit is gently crushed in an open-mouthed, rubber-toothed, Demoisy crusher before being transferred to open vessels for fermentation. Here the cap is permanently submerged beneath the free run juice, avoiding any harsh plunging or pumping over. Traditional foot-treading takes place after fermentation is complete, then gentle basket pressing precedes transfer to barrel for maturation.

TASTING NOTES :

The expressive nose has sweet red fruits, blueberry and plum notes leaping from the glass. Another sniff reveals nuances of earth and game adding complexity. The mid palate is fleshy with flavors of salami, soil and game building to a long finish with fragrant Indian spices mingling with the chalky, flowery tannins that are lively and lingering. With proper cellaring this wine will drink well until at least 2029.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

93 pts International Wine Cellar, 91 pts eRobertParker.com, 90 pts Wine Spectator Insider

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-vines, the Osborn clan has successfully established themselves as one of the country's leading producers of concentrated, characterful wines.



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