



2009 d'ARENBERG d'ARRY'S ORIGINAL

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Shiraz (59%), Grenache (41%)
MATURATION :	20 months in new & older French & American barriques
ANALYSIS :	14.4% alc/vol 6.8 g/L TA 3.33 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

This wine is named in honor of d'Arenberg's principal, Francis d'Arry d'Arenberg Osborn, whose winemaking career began at this family winery more than a half a century ago. d'Arry's blend, launched some four decades ago, continues as it began - a blend of Shiraz and Grenache sourced from d'Arenberg's own low-yielding, 19th century vineyards.

WINEMAKING :

Small batches are crushed in the Demoisy open-mouthed, rubber toothed crusher and then transferred to five ton headed-down open fermenters. These batches remain separate until final blending. 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 oak barriques as well as large casks to complete primary and secondary fermentation and is aged on lees to keep the wine fresh while also reducing the oak influence. There is no racking until final blending.

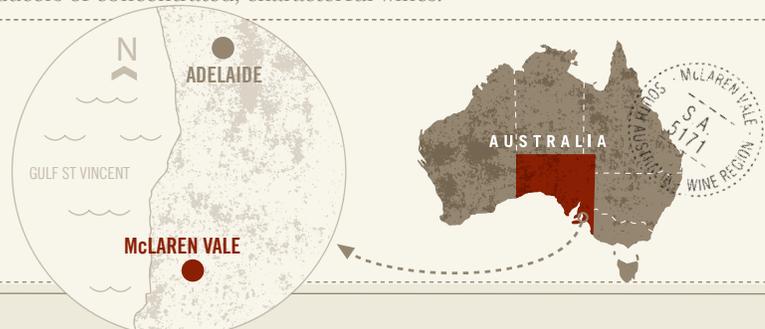
TASTING NOTES :

Grenache was the stand out variety from this vintage. The nose is packed with berries and spice with a darker background of black olive and freshly turned earth. There is a luscious plum, blueberry, blackberry and raspberry core with secondary notes of clove and nutmeg and floral notes appearing as the wine opens. The tannins are fine and mineral. The fruit purity is the real star of this wine which shows great poise.

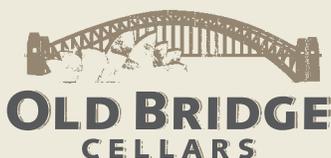
CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 92 pts Australian Wine Companion, 90 pts Stephen Tanzer, 89 pts Robert Parker

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.



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