

## 2009 d'ARENBERG THE LAST DITCH VIOGNIER

WINEMAKER:	Chester Osborn
REGION:	Adelaide, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Viognier
MATURATION:	9 months in older French oak barriques
ALCOHOL:	13.5% alc/vol

### THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

Planted in the last part of the 19th century on the d'Arenberg vineyard was a small block of Doradillo – a bland grape variety from which Sherry is made from. In 1995, the Doradillo was grubbed out and the site became inhabited by Viognier. It so happens that this site was down the bottom of a gully, in a big ditch, hence, the name.

### WINEMAKING:

Selected from premium fruit from McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills vineyards, this wine saw full fermentation with near full solids in older oak (at moderately cool temperatures) to retain its vibrant fruit characters. Although fermentation was undertaken in old oak barriques, there is no obvious oak influence in this wine due to the age of the barriques.

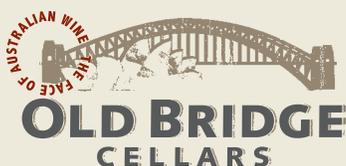
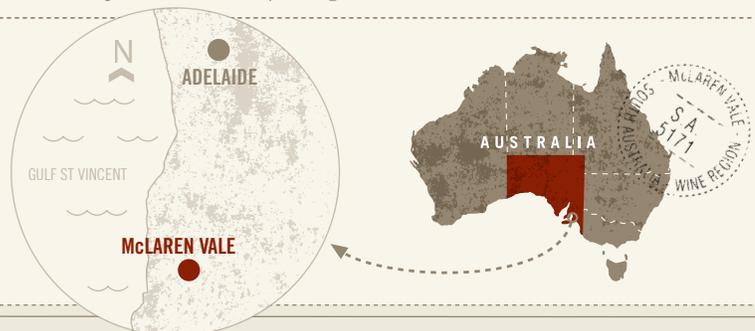
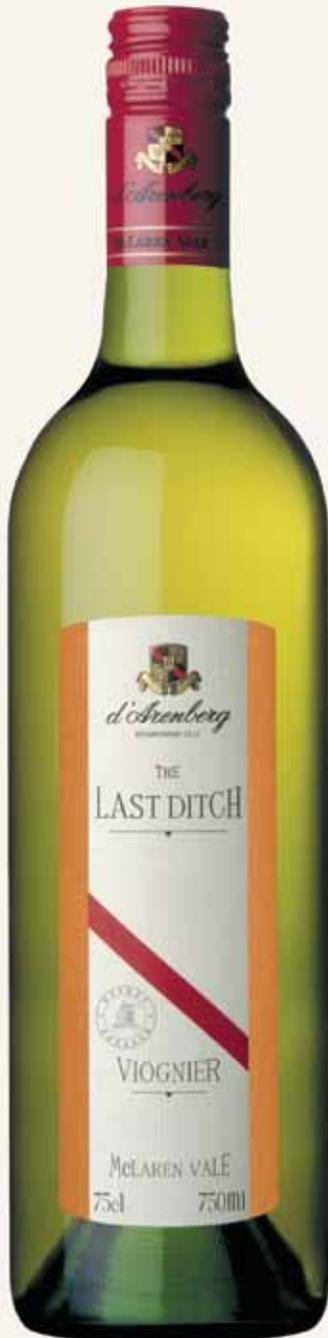
### TASTING NOTES:

The nose is generous and expressive with citrus such as grapefruit and lime evident alongside apricot stones, ginger, peach blossom and a subtle background of preserved lemons and honey. The palate is tightly structured and youthful with apricot, peach blossom, lime and orange peel initially present. Nutmeg and cinnamon linger with a long finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 90 pts Wine Spectator, 88 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 88 pts/Very Good/Strong Recommendation Ultimate Wine Challenge

### 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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