

2009 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP LIGHTLY WOODED CHARDONNAY

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| WINEMAKER: | Chester Osborn |
| REGION: | 50% McLaren Vale & 50% Adelaide Hills, South Australia |
| VARIETALS: | Chardonnay |
| MATURATION: | 24% matured in older French and American oak |
| 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:

In 2009 Chardonnay had a great year in McLaren Vale and the Adelaide Hills. Healthy rains in winter and spring set up the wines perfectly and allowed for stress free conditions from veraison to harvesting. Cool temperatures in February meant that intensity of flavor ripeness was achieved at low levels of pH and high levels of natural acidity.

TASTING NOTES:

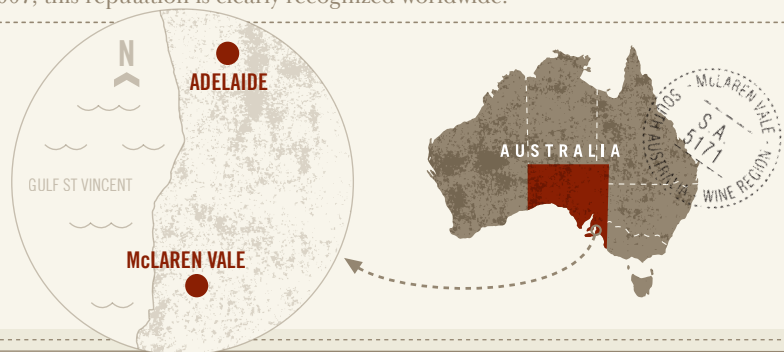
Melons, yellow peach, pear and stone fruits on the nose give away the style of this fresh easy drinking Chardonnay. The palate picks up from the nose with refreshing tropical fruits and more yellow peach and pears. The mid palate is beautifully creamy and weighty, while the small amount of barrel fermentation adds a touch of spice throughout the smooth finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

84 pts - Top 100 Values of 2010 Wine & Spirits

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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