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2010 d'ARENBERG BONSAI VINE

WINEMAKER:	Chester Osborn
REGION:	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Grenache (48%), Shiraz (42%), Mourvedre (10%)
MATURATION:	20 months in new and older American & French oak barriques
ALCOHOL:	14.5% alc/vol

BACKGROUND:

These old, dry grown bush vines grow in shallow soils on hard rock, requiring hand pruning to keep producing berries in this harsh environment. The vines are very small for their age, their tiny shoots giving them a bonsai appearance.

WINEMAKING:

Parcels of each varietal are gently crushed and fermented in small batches in traditional headed-down open fermenters, followed by foot-treading. The skins are then gently pressed in traditional 19th century 'Coq' and 'Bromley & Tregoning' basket presses prior to maturation in French and American oak barriques for 20 months.

TASTING NOTES:

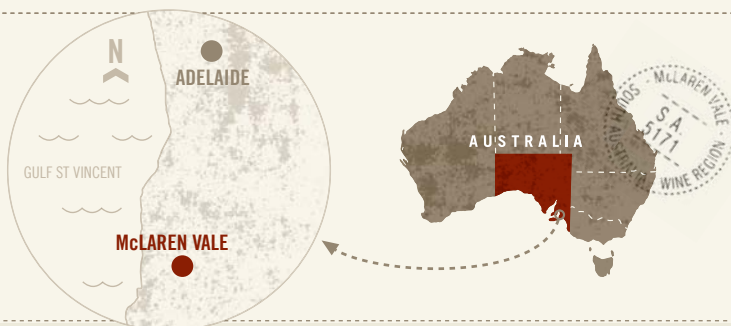
Fresh raspberry, blueberry and strawberry aromas alongside brioche and a subtle sage character, adding an appealing savory element. The palate has great concentration and intensity with a precise balance of fruit, acidity and tannin. There are more red fruits on the palate with a touch of violet, earth and spices showing through. Oregano and thyme emerge on the mid-palate and are nicely balanced with the rich fruit core. Gritty mineral tannins keep the complexity focused and provide a long finish with a lingering fresh strawberry flavor.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts Australian Wine Companion, 87 pts 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 as one of the Top 100 Wineries and Top Value Brands in the world by Wine & Spirits Magazine in 2013, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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