



2010 d'ARENBERG THE HERMIT CRAB VIOGNIER MARSANNE

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale (95%), Adelaide Hills (5%), South Australia
VARIETALS: Viognier (68%), Marsanne (32%)
MATURATION: 14% in seasoned French and American oak
ANALYSIS: 13.1% alc/vol | 6.3 g/L TA | 3.22 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

Many of McLaren Vale's vineyards are on free-draining soils underlain with limestone, formed by the calcareous remains of the local marine fauna. One such creature is the Hermit Crab, a reclusive little creature that inhabits the cast-off shells of others. Thus the Osborn family thought the name appropriate for this blend, as it is best enjoyed with shellfish and seafood dishes.

VINTAGE NOTES:

Good winter rains in 2009 ensured adequate sub-soil moisture and set vines up well with healthy canopies. There was un-seasonably hot weather during flowering, but this did not affect fruit setting and vigour was beautifully balanced. More heat during veraison served the vines well, while the rest of the season was mild with nights mild to cool with very little rain.

TASTING NOTES:

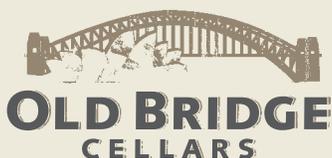
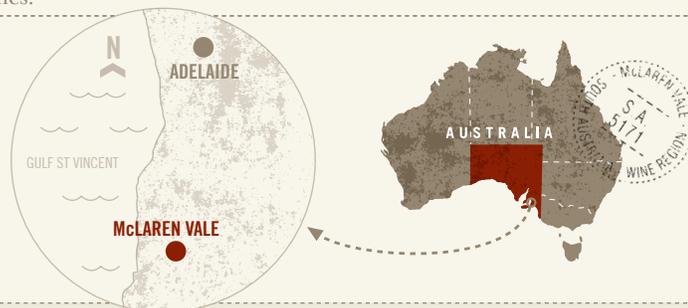
A floral nose with stone fruits of apricot, peach and nectarine and sweet spice nuances. The palate has lovely fruit weight and is packed with complexity. It opens with stone fruits and citrus and is underpinned by candied ginger and clove spice. The flavours linger with citrus acidity, a savoury edge of pistachio nut and a twist of flowery fruit tannins adding textural interest.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

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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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