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## 2010 d'ARENBERG SHIPSTERS' RAPTURE SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Shiraz
MATURATION :	20 months in new & older French & American barriques
ANALYSIS :	14.2% alc/vol   6.6 g/L TA   3.42 pH

### BACKGROUND :

Shipsters' Rapture is named in honor of Henry Shipster who owned the vineyard before the Osborn family. The Shipsters are said to have delighted in their small plot of land, lovingly planting it to vines, an orchard and Needle Pines that still line the vineyard today.

### WINEMAKING :

Small batches are crushed 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 a mixture of new and used French and old American oak barriques. The barrel ferments are aged on lees to keep the wine fresh while also reducing the oak influence. There is no racking until final blending.

### TASTING NOTES :

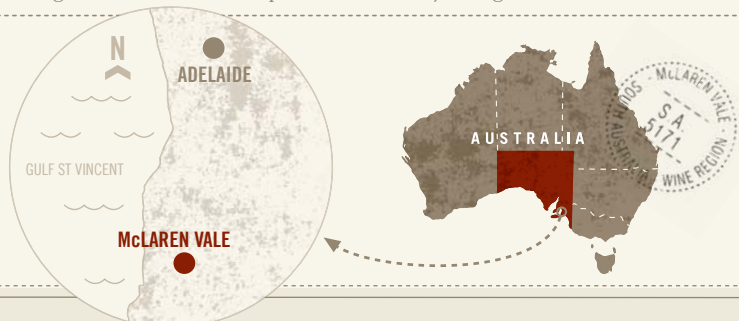
The nose is dominated by deep, dark purple fruits. Initially a little tight, with air there is the appearance of spice and flowery, mulberry notes. Deep, rich mulberries and plums are the feature fruits on the palate. There is also a very appealing volume of spice on the finish. The cooling influence of the steep vineyard has created a more focused, linear wine. There is a real density to the wine with lovely long, mineral tannins that really linger.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

92 pts Wine Enthusiast, 91+ pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 91 pts Wine Spectator, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

### 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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