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## 2010 d'ARENBERG STICKS AND STONES

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Grenache (41%), Tempranillo (41%) Souzao (15%), Tinto Cao (3%)
MATURATION :	12 months in French & American oak barriques
ANALYSIS :	13.9% alc/vol   TA: 6.9 g/L   pH: 3.38

### BACKGROUND :

At a time when Grenache was considered un-fashionable Chester Osborn maintained a vigilant search for old vine McLaren Vale Grenache vineyards, showing faith in a variety that has been central to d'Arenberg since the very beginning. His search unveiled a number of old bush vine and poorly maintained trellised vineyards in various states of disrepair.

### 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 :

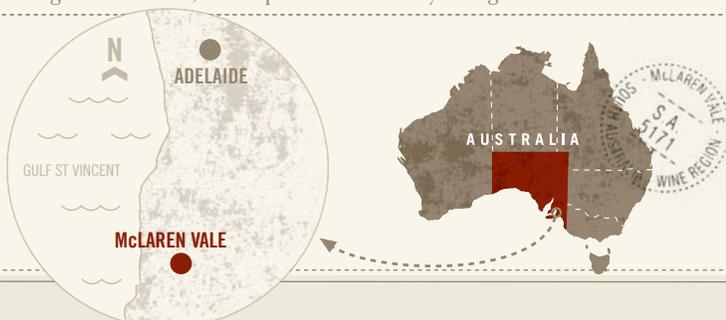
The nose begins dark and broody, with licorice, tar, mushrooms, autumn leaves, earth and game. When swirling your glass more fruity nuances evolve, blackberry, a hint of blueberry and dark cherry truffle. This a seriously complex wine. Further interest is found on the palate with flavors of red licorice, spice and peat all evident. Fruit weight, tannin structure and acidity are in perfect harmony. In fact, from the nose one would expect a rather large tannic beast, but despite the wine's blackness it really is quite seamless and pleasantly medium bodied.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

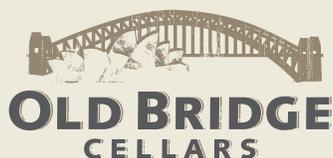
93 pts Australian Wine Companion, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 88 pts/BEST BUY Wine & Spirits, 88 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

### 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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