

## 2011 d'ARENBERG THE IRONSTONE PRESSINGS

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| <b>WINEMAKER :</b>  | Chester Osborn                                |
| <b>REGION :</b>     | McLaren Vale, South Australia                 |
| <b>VARIETALS :</b>  | Grenache (75%), Shiraz (20%), Mourvedre (5%)  |
| <b>MATURATION :</b> | 18 months in new & older French oak barriques |
| <b>ANALYSIS :</b>   | 14.1% alc/vol   6.3 g/l TA   3.48 pH          |

### THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

Most of McLaren Vale's acclaimed, historic vineyards are riddled with ancient, decomposed ironstone. Its extraordinary rusty red-brown color is derived from the iron oxides present in the stone. The larger pieces were cleared from the vineyards in the late 1880's and utilized in many of the buildings at d'Arenberg, most notably the old stables.

### WINEMAKING :

Small batches of grapes are crushed gently 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. The wine is then basket pressed and transferred to a mixture of new and used French oak barriques to complete fermentation. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, and there is no racking until final blending. The Ironstone Pressings does not undertake fining or filtration prior to bottling.

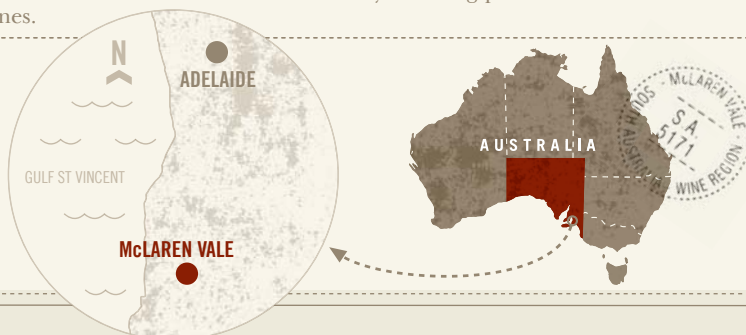
### TASTING NOTES :

The typical d'Arenberg stamp of dark fruits and earthy notes are countered in this GSM blend by a range of pretty floral and spicy notes from the cooler vintage. Blackberry and game notes are complemented by violets, white pepper, star anise and cardamom. The palate, medium bodied with a red fruit focus, has a darker, earthier side that gives complexity and depth. More sweet raspberry flavors evolve on the finish, enhanced by the wine's fine acidity and slightly grainy tannin.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** 92 pts Australian Wine Companion, 90 pts Wine Spectator  
90 pts 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.



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