

## 2011 d'ARENBERG THE LOVE GRASS

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Shiraz (90%), and nine other varieties (10%)
MATURATION :	18 months in new and older French oak barriques
ANALYSIS :	14.2% alc/vol   6.5 g/L TA   3.54 pH

### THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

A wild grass, the Love Grass, often grows in the vineyards surrounding the d'Arenberg winery. During vintage, the sticky, Velcro-like, long stemmed flowers of the Love Grass affectionately attach themselves to the vineyard workers' socks. This Shiraz will also linger with you and, as such, the family thought it fitting to name this wine 'The Love Grass.'

### WINEMAKING :

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation, the wine is basket pressed and then aged in French oak for up to 18 months.

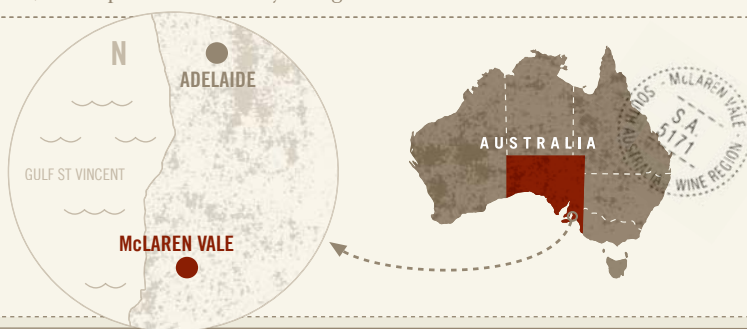
### TASTING NOTES :

The 2011 Love Grass, as always, displays a hedonistic mix of fruit and spice, a result of the myriad of minor varieties that cling to the bones of the Shiraz and draw it in all sorts of different directions. Fresh and lively, black and red fruits, pepper, clove and cinnamon. The palate, whilst showing the poise and focus common amongst the 2011's, develops its richness in the glass. Ensure you take a moment to savor this wine and watch its complex mix of fruits evolve from tight and linear at first to rich, dark and exotic.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 92 pts James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, 88 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 88 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

### ABOUT d'ARENBERG

One of the undisputed kings of Australian Shiraz and Rhone varieties, 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 among Australia's Top 10 Shiraz producers by Wine & Spirits Magazine in July 2007, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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