

2012 d'ARENBERG THE LOVE GRASS

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Shiraz (85%), and nine other varieties (15%)
MATURATION :	18 months in new and older French oak barriques
ANALYSIS :	14.4% alc/vol 7.1 g/L TA 3.50 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.

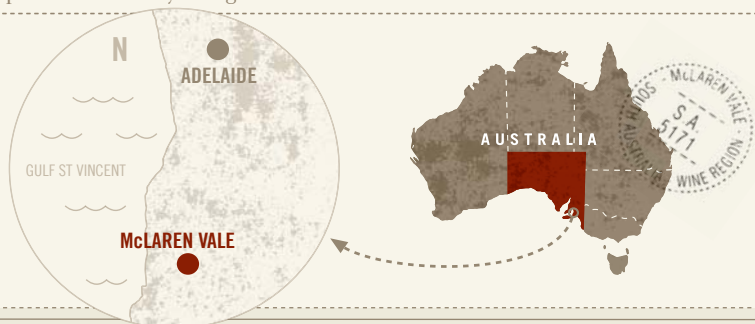
TASTING NOTES :

Initially the nose is dominated by lifted notes of sweet, purple plums and rich, dark licorice. As the wine opens, the cocktail of varieties clinging to the Shiraz become more evident. Perfumed notes of musk and violets then more exotic aromatics of warm, Indian spices and freshly turned earth. The complexity is just as provocative on the palate. A lovely cooked rhubarb character adds sweetness and vibrant acidity at the same time. The sweet fruits are balanced with restraining savory notes of cured meat and black olive. The true feature of this wine lies in the firm, yet fine, chalky tannins which meld together with an ironstone like acidity and a long mineral finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 95 pts Australian Wine Companion, 91 pts/Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast, 91 pts The Wine Advocate, 89 pts Vinous

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 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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