

## 2012 d'ARENBERG THE LUCKY LIZARD CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	Adelaide Hills
VARIETALS :	Chardonnay
MATURATION :	7 months in seasoned French oak barriques
ANALYSIS :	12.2% alc/vol   2.94 pH   9.1 g/L TA

### THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

During summer, native Bearded Dragon lizards find their way into grapes destined for the winery. Luckily for the lizards, the gentleness of the winery's crusher allows them to pass through the ordeal slightly shaken, but unharmed.

### WINEMAKING :

At the winery the grapes passed through the gentle crusher before being basket pressed in specially designed stainless steel basket presses. Gentle extraction of the juice is critical in these stages to retain the delicate Chardonnay characters. Fermentation took place in a combination of two to four year-old French oak barriques with no malolactic fermentation. 15% of the final blend underwent wild fermentation in barrel. After seven months oak maturation, only the best barrels of Chardonnay were selected for release under The Lucky Lizard label.

### TASTING NOTES :

The 2012 Lucky Lizard has vibrant nectarine and white peach on the nose with nutty and mineral citrus undertones. The palate begins with generous peach and stone fruit. The 25% wild fermentation becomes evident as the wine opens up to reveal a beautifully textured mid palate with cashew and honeysuckle, finishing with zingy lime and peel.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

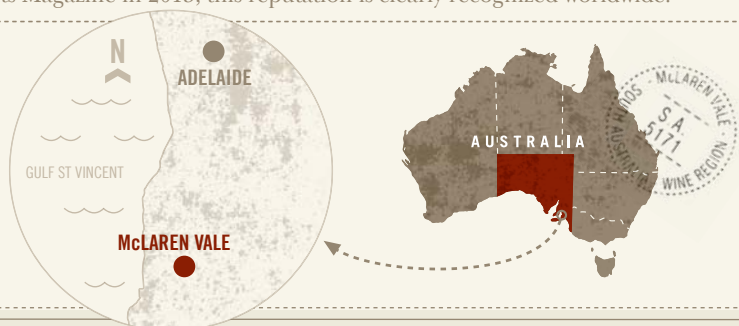
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### ABOUT d'ARENBERG :

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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