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2012 d'ARENBERG THE MONEY SPIDER ROUSSANNE

WINEMAKER : Chester Osborn
REGION : McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS : Roussanne
ANALYSIS : 13.3% alc/vol | 6.8g/L TA | 3.26 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

d'Arenberg's first small crop of Roussanne was harvested and held in a shed for an hour while the crusher was being prepared. Meanwhile, a sea of tiny "Money Spiders" crawled to the top of the load and started furiously spinning a cover of webs. The spiders were carefully removed, as much as possible, since they are considered good luck charms. In fact, a popular belief is that if you treat these small spiders with respect, wealth will come your way.

WINEMAKING :

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and transferred to stainless steel basket presses. Fermentation is long and moderately cool to retain fresh fruit characters, and was conducted in stainless steel tanks. Only free-run juice was used for the final wine with no malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES :

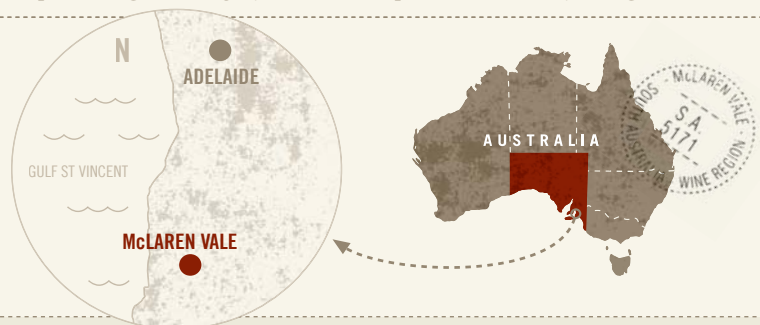
A classic example of Roussanne varietal expression, the nose exhibiting a whole array of characters from stone fruits and tropical notes through to nuttiness and an ever so delicate hint of Indian spice. The palate is robust! A luscious mix of pulpy fruit, green mango and papaya. These full flavors gently give way to honey blossom nuances and savory pistachio notes which linger to a very long finish, adding refinement to the palate. This will pair particularly well with antipasto plates, fatty fish and white meat dishes.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

91 pts/**BEST BUY** Wine & Spirits, 90 pts International Wine Cellar, 89 pts Wine Spectator

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 among Australia's Top 10 Shiraz producers by Wine & Spirits Magazine in July 2007, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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