

2013 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
ANALYSIS: 14.4% alc/vol | TA: 7.4 g/L | pH: 3.43

BACKGROUND:

The name 'Stump Jump' relates to the significant South Australian invention – the Stump Jump plough. This plough became a popular piece of machinery for ploughing fields because of its ability to ride over stumps and gnarled "mallee" Eucalypt roots and snags, saving valuable time and resources by not stopping the draught horse.

VINTAGE NOTES:

A warm and dry spring and summer followed by further dry conditions throughout harvest meant a number of things. Firstly disease pressure was negligible, the vast majority of fruit being very clean. Secondly yields were down. Finally ripening happened relatively quickly. From a quality perspective in regards to reds, these conditions produced wines of incredible color and flavor. Dark, brooding wines with great volumes of fruit and layers of chewy, velvety tannin structure. Big, concentrated wines but beautifully balanced.

TASTING NOTES:

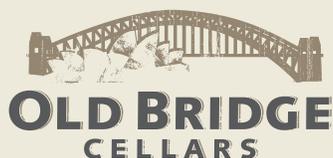
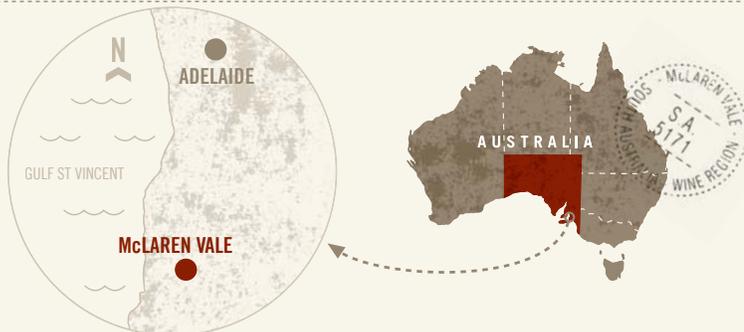
A wonderfully lifted nose brimming with fruit pastilles, a mixed bouquet of flowers and spicy, white pepper. The palate shows an ample volume of fruit weight. Opulent, but checked by the powdery line of tannins that grow through the length of the wine, taking firm charge towards the finish. All the while, a raft of flavors ebb and flow, more jubes and spice, met by hints of Autumn leaves and fresh soil which add complexity and interest.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed. 2012 vintage: **89 pts** Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

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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