

2014 d'ARENBERG THE DRY DAM RIESLING

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Riesling
FERMENTATION :	Cool stainless steel fermentation with selected neutral yeasts
ANALYSIS :	10.0% alc/vol 1.3% RS 9.0 g/L TA 2.79 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

In 1992 d'Arenberg's neighbors built a dam in which no water lay, as it was dry winter. The next year it rained but the dam was jinxed and didn't hold water. Some people mix the name around, calling the wine 'The Dam Dry Riesling,' which in some years is truer than others.

WINEMAKING :

Small batches of grapes are crushed gently, chilled and then transferred to custom designed steel basket presses. Gentle juice extraction is critical early on to retain the delicate fruit characters. The fermentation was long and cool, and was stopped before reaching total dryness to ensure that residual sugar remains to balance the high mineral acidity.

TASTING NOTES :

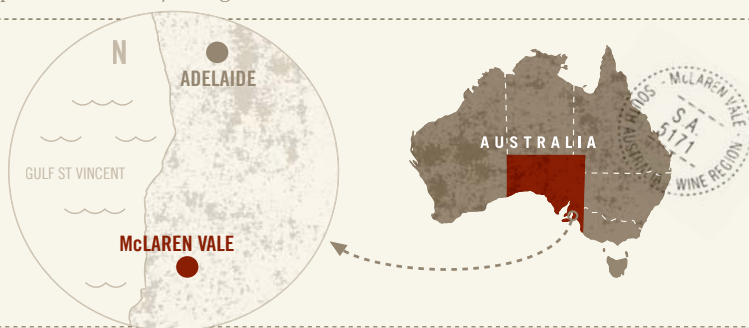
The nose is incredibly perfumed with inviting aromas of frangipani, jasmine, lemon and lime. This theme is continued on the palate and highlighted by a mouthwatering sherbet like character, so typical of good McLaren Vale Riesling. The balance of sweetness and acidity in this wine is a delight. Expect a secondary layer of wet stones, slate, lemon curd and toast to emerge and become more prominent as the wine ages.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

91 pts Wine Spectator, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast, 90 pts The Wine Advocate, 90 pts Vinous

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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