

2015 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills, South Australia
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc
ANALYSIS: 12.5 % alc/vol | 7.8 g/L TA | 3.18 pH

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.

THE VINTAGE:

A wet winter ensured good sub soil moisture and set up the vines well with healthy canopies. Spring was very dry with above average temperatures, a heavy downpour in January was a welcome relief. Mild conditions during the ripening period produced wines that show an abundance of vibrant fruits with great color, richness and balanced tannins. Vintage started on 30 January, the earliest start on record by one day.

TASTING NOTES:

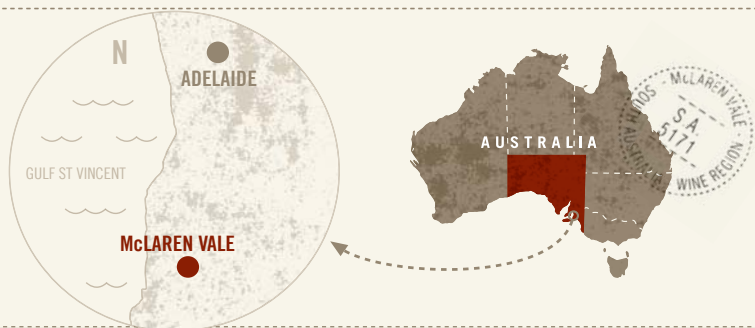
The Sauvignon Blanc fruit from 2015 was incredibly fragrant leading to a wine with lifted aromas of passionfruit, green bean, guava and a hint of cut grass. The palate is bright and animated, pricking the senses with its vibrant acidity (more of those passionfruit notes), and intoxicating the drinker with an abundance of tropical fruits. While acid drives the line of the wine, the last sensation we are left with is fruit flavor. Clean, crisp and completely moreish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 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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