



2002 THE FOOTBOLT SHIRAZ

Region

McLaren Vale, South Australia

Variety

Shiraz



Maturation

12 months in new and older American and French oak barriques

Technical Analysis

14.5 % alc/vol

Tasting Notes

Four decades of young 'Footbolt' have been very consistent in color, a deep red-purple, with the immediate hallmarks of spicy, lifted ripe peppery, mulberry and blackberry fruit aromas.

The cool 2002 vintage in McLaren Vale produced beautiful fine fruit elegance amidst thick rich, ripe fruit flavors, with great depth.

'The Footbolt' Shiraz, like all of d'Arenberg's traditional red wines, gains considerable complexity with age. The aromas slowly incorporate developed cedar, coffee and developed dark chocolate smells with leather, tobacco and earthy aromas while maintaining fragrant, spicy, fruit characters. On the tongue, a wonderfully textured palate is maintained. Gentle, grainy, black olive flavors balance the sweeter coffee, chocolate and very long spicy, fruit characters. Malty, earthy and distinctly savory characters on the rich middle palate dominate against soft tannin and piquant acidity.

Background

Joseph Rowe Osborn, the founder of d'Arenberg first became involved in the wine industry when he joined the prospering Thomas Hardy and Sons in 1881, eventually becoming a partner and director. A colorful character and enthusiastic patron of the turf, he secured a well-bred chestnut colt named "Footbolt" whose winning streak of six races assisted Joseph in funding the purchase of d'Arenberg's first vineyards in 1912.

Additional Notes:

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