



2002 d'ARRY'S ORIGINAL SHIRAZ GRENACHE

Region

McLaren Vale, South Australia

Varieties

Shiraz (50%)

Grenache (50%)

Maturation

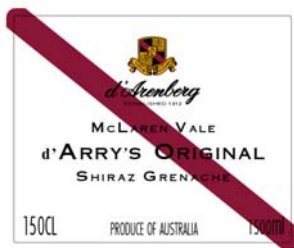
New & older American & French oak
barriques

Technical Analysis

14.5% alc/vol

Background

This wine is named in honor of d'Arenberg's principal, Francis "d'Arry" d'Arenberg Osborn. It is the culmination of more than half a century of d'Arry's winemaking career at his family winery in McLaren Vale. d'Arry's Original blend, first launched some four decades ago, was and is to this day a blend of shiraz and grenache grown on the 19th century low yielding vineyards.



Tasting Notes

In its youth d'Arry's Original displays a bright magenta like brick red color. The nose attacks with lifted spicy cinnamon plum, mulberry & prune aromas. Typically cherry, wild strawberry & lolly-like musk smells, as well as tighter liquorice, spice, rosemary & fennel.

Hints of coffee & caramel on the nose are quite evident on the palate; a backdrop for cherry-raspberry & richer mulberry-blackberry primary fruit. The palate is typically d'Arenberg and McLaren Vale, soft and rich in the middle, rolling on to a soft but slightly piquant acid/tannin finish.

Well cellared, d'Arry's Original becomes, soft, generous, full flavored, velvety long and seamless in bottle, with no particular component standing out, as more than four decades of previous vintages have shown.

Additional Notes:

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