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ESTABLISHED 1912
McLAREN VALE
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2005 THE STUMP JUMP
RIESLING SAUVIGNON BLANC MARSANNE ROUSSANNE

Region
McLaren Vale, South Australia

Varieties
Riesling (63%)
Sauvignon Blanc (20%)
Marsanne (10%)
Roussanne (7%)

Maturation
Stainless steel tanks

Technical Analysis
13.9 % alc/vol

Background

The Osborns are proud to release The Stump Jump range of premium McLaren Vale wines, so named as the land for many of the region's old vineyards was originally cleared using the Stump Jump plough. This South Australian invention enabled the ploughshare to jump over the gnarled "mallee" Eucalypt roots, saving valuable time and resources.

Tasting Notes

This was clearly one of most exciting vintages yet. The 2005 vintage was characterized by a mild winter and a late, wet spring. November rains invigorated the vines for an exceptional period of condensed flowering and set. From then on rainfall occurred just when the vines needed something to drink and always at the volume resulting in the fruit having an obvious lack of stress prior to veraison.

Riesling florals and freshly squeezed lime juice dominate the aromatics, with an underlying stony element coming through which is classic for this variety. The Sauvignon Blanc adds sweetening gooseberry notes while the Marsanne gives the wine earthy nuttiness as it breathes.

This is a fresh, lively, dry white wine displaying a wide array of fruit and floral aromas, including gooseberry, lime, citrus and many tropical fruits. These characteristics then follow through on the palate. Good acid and fruit balance is reflected in the long, clean finish.

The Stump Jump is at its best while young and will continue to remain fresh for the next three years. It is perfect drinking on a warm summer day, and a perfect match for a wide variety of light dishes.

Additional Notes:

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