



2006 d'ARENBERG d'ARRY'S ORIGINAL

WINEMAKER:	Chester Osborn
REGION:	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz (50%), Grenache (50%)
MATURATION:	12 months in new & older French & American barriques
ALCOHOL:	14.5% alc/vol

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

This wine is named in honor of d'Arenberg's principal, Francis d'Arry d'Arenberg Osborn, whose winemaking career began at this family winery more than a half a century ago. d'Arry's blend, launched some four decades ago, continues as it began - a blend of Shiraz and Grenache sourced from d'Arenberg's own low-yielding, 19th century vineyards.

WINEMAKING:

The fruit was gently crushed in Demoisy open-mouthed, rubber-toothed crushers then transferred to headed-down open fermenters. A small amount of the Shiraz fruit underwent carbonic maceration to highlight the spicy, berry fruit characters.

TASTING NOTES:

The palate is tight and generous and already very juicy with a combination of Satsuma plums, cherry, mulberry, and prune notes. There are edges of mulberry flowery peppered spiced notes balanced with lovely fresh acidity that follows through to the finish. The fruit concentration is deeper than normal due to the year and the extended maturation period in oak. The richness and length of flavor of this wine is superb as it is dominated with ripe red fruits of strawberry and boysenberry with a dark edge, wonderful flowery violet mineral notes and polished acidity which is quite evident on the second look.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

91 pts James Halliday, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 90 pts EDITORS CHOICE Wine Enthusiast, 89 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 87 pts Wine Spectator

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 among Australia's Top 10 Shiraz producers by Wine & Spirits Magazine in July 2007, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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