

## 2006 d'ARENBERG THE FOOTBOLT SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Chester Osborn
REGION:	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	20 months in new & older French & American barriques
ANALYSIS:	14.5% alc/vol   6.8 g/L TA   3.5 pH

### BACKGROUND:

Joseph Rowe Osborn, a South Australian racehorse owner of the early 1900s, happened upon a chestnut colt named "Footbolt" who delivered a winning streak of six races early in his career. From the winnings, Joseph was able to purchase the first of the d'Arenberg vineyards, and establish what are now the oldest vineyards in McLaren Vale.

### VINTAGE NOTES:

Decent winter rains set the vines up with healthy, balanced canopies for the 2006 vintage. A mild, early summer followed by a warmer period during veraison minimized vegetative growth, allowing vines to channel energy into the fruit. This was followed by a cool February with just enough rain to allow the fruit to ripen without undue stress. Warmer temperatures returned in March to complete ripening in almost perfect conditions, enhancing fruit flavour and richness without diluting natural acidity.

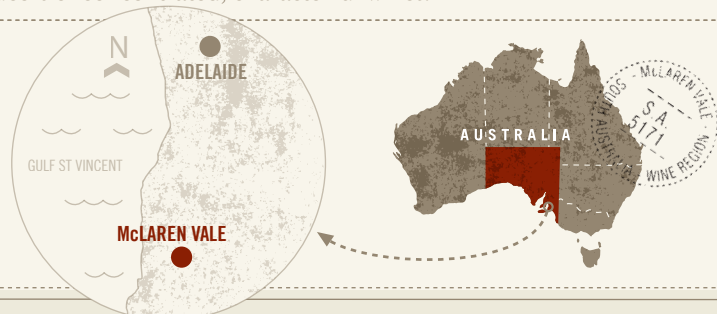
### TASTING NOTES:

Aromas of dark red fruits, black olive and beef stock open into notes of blueberries and liquorice with a savoury dried herb edge. The palate shows great balance with blueberry and mulberry fruits, spices and a hint of white pepper on the finish. As always The Footbolt is a very approachable wine in its youth but has the capacity to age for many years.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 92 pts Wine and Spirits Magazine, 90+ pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 90 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

### 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.



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