









2006 d'ARENBERG THE HIGH TRELLIS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn

R E G I O N: McLaren Vale, South Australia

VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon

MATURATION: 18 months in older American & French oak barriques

ALCOHOL: 14% alc/vol

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

The High Trellis vineyard has been producing grapes since the late nineteenth century. It was nicknamed "The High Trellis" as its vines were the first at d'Arenberg to be trained above knee-height in the 1890s.

WINEMAKING:

Winemaker Chester Osborn guides the small berries and bunches through the gentle, open-mouthed rubber toothed "Demoisy" crusher and then into the traditional headed-down open fermenters. The fermented must is pressed by 19th century basket presses and then maturation takes place in American and French oak.

TASTING NOTES:

As a young wine, the High Trellis has a dense, dark appearance with a ruby edge. The aroma is intense with ripe, black fruit characters suggesting mulberries, black currants and plums mixed with notes of cedar. Earthy notes appear as the wine opens up further. The palate flaunts ripe blackcurrant, cassis, and mulberry fruit with edgy, ripe tannins and the perfect balance of oak. This wine is approachable now and will gain considerable complexity and secondary savory characters with time in the bottle. The optimum drinking age is over the next 10 to 15 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90+ pts - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 90+ pts - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 90 pts EDITOR'S CHOICE - Wine Enthusiast

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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