



## 2006 d'ARENBERG THE LOVE GRASS SHIRAZ

<b>WINEMAKER :</b>	Chester Osborn
<b>REGION :</b>	McLaren Vale, South Australia
<b>VARIETALS :</b>	Predominantly Shiraz
<b>MATURATION :</b>	20 months in new and older American & French oak barriques
<b>ALCOHOL :</b>	14.5% alc/vol   6.9 g/L TA   3.40 pH

### BACKGROUND :

A wild grass, the Love Grass, often grows in the vineyards surrounding the d'Arenberg winery. During vintage, the sticky, Velcro-like, long stemmed flowers of the Love Grass affectionately attach themselves to the vineyard workers' socks. This Shiraz will also linger with you and, as such, the family thought it fitting to name this wine 'The Love Grass'.

### 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 :

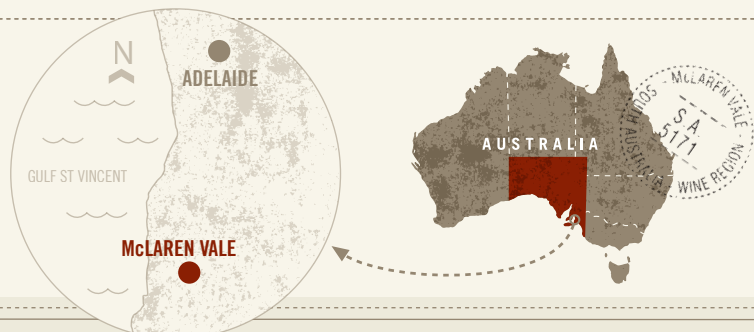
Complex, layered aromas of Satsuma plum, mulberry and black olive lifted by spices of anise and cardamom and tight floral notes. The palate is beautifully crafted and precise with rich, juicy, fragrant red fruits and a punchy, dry finish reminiscent of licorice and blackcurrant leaf with firm, savory tannins.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

90 pts Stephen Tanzer, 89 pts Robert Parker, 87 pts 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.



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