



## 2007 d'ARENBERG THE HERMIT CRAB VIOGNIER MARSANNE

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	Adelaide, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Viognier (58%), Marsanne (42%)
MATURATION :	4% in older French oak barriques
ALCOHOL :	13.5% alc/vol

### THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

Many of McLaren Vale's vineyards are on free-draining soils underlain with limestone, formed by the calcareous remains of the local marine fauna. One such creature is the Hermit Crab, a reclusive little creature that inhabits the cast-off shells of others. The Osborn family thought the name appropriate for this blend, as it is best enjoyed with shellfish and seafood dishes.

### WINEMAKING :

The close proximity of the vineyards to the coastal Gulf St. Vincent induces a beneficial cooling effect on the grapes. The grapes, once crushed, are pressed by d'Arenberg's 19th century basket-presses which ensure gentle extraction of the varieties' delicate fruit flavors prior to fermentation.

### TASTING NOTES :

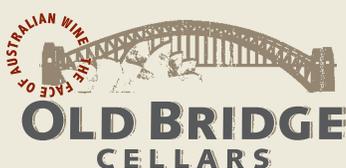
The 2007 Hermit Crab exudes aromas of fresh tropical fruit, green melon, pear and dried herbs. Nectarines, quince and almond kernel characters are evident on the palate, with a hint of lees character contributing complexity. The viognier component offers the wine silky viscosity, while the Marsanne supplies balance and acidity.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

90 pts - Robert Parker's Parker's The Wine Advocate, 90 pts - The Wine Spectator, 89 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. 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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