



2007 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP WHITE

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling (62%), Sauvignon Blanc (18%), Marsanne (8%), Viognier (6%), Chardonnay (6%)
ALCOHOL: 13% alc/vol

BACKGROUND:

The name 'Stump Jump' relates to the significant South Australian invention – the Stump Jump plough. This plough became a popular piece of machinery for ploughing fields because of its ability to ride over stumps and gnarled "mallee" Eucalypt roots and snags, saving valuable time and resources by not stopping the draught horse.

THE VINTAGE:

2007 was one of the smallest and earliest vintages on record. Low winter rainfall and a cold spring leading up the growing season produced very low yields of high quality grapes. Just prior to harvest a touch of rain provided sufficient ground moisture to carry the dry-grown vineyards through harvest with minimal stress, producing grapes with great acidity and flavour ripeness.

TASTING NOTES:

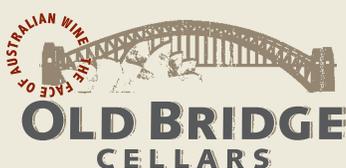
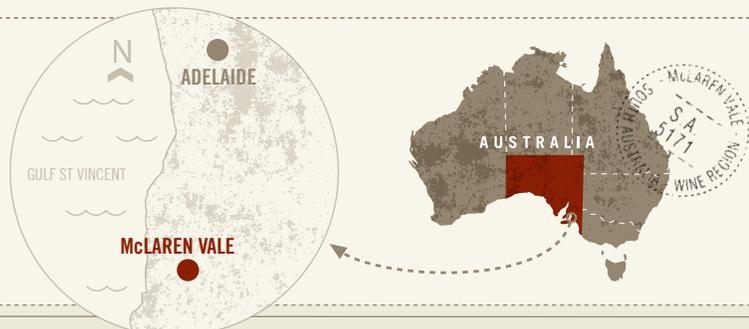
A fresh and tight white wine with a good level of restrained fruit intensity and ripeness. Its nose is initially dominated by Riesling notes of citrus and lime, with passionfruit and tropical fruit from the Sauvignon Blanc emerging. Spices, musk, freshly cut flower stems and almonds round out the mid-palate, finished with great textural richness and crisp, clean acidity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

89 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **88 pts TOP 100 BEST VALES OF 2009** Wine Enthusiast, **87 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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