



## 2008 d'ARENBERG THE BROKEN FISHPLATE SAUVIGNON BLANC

**WINEMAKER:** Chester Osborn  
**REGION:** Adelaide Hills, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Sauvignon Blanc  
**MATURATION:** 8% fermented in older French oak barriques  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.0% alc/vol

### BACKGROUND:

The name Broken Fishplate comes from the small block of Sauvignon Blanc planted in a tight 'V' of the gully. The vine rows follow the contour of the land, eventually meeting, forming a sharp bend in the row. When attempting to tackle this sharp bend during harvest, the fishplates that straddle the vines and posts often break off, hence 'the broken fishplate'.

### WINEMAKING:

The grapes are lightly crushed with a short period of skin contact prior to a cool fermentation in temperature controlled tanks, with a small component undergoing a wild yeast ferment. 8% of the free run juice is fermented in French oak to increase complexity and mouthfeel.

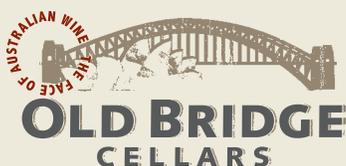
### TASTING NOTES:

The extremely cool weather experienced throughout February saw 2008 turning out a fabulous vintage for Sauvignon Blanc, with intense flavors occurring alongside abundant levels of natural acidity. This wine shows ripe passionfruit and guava skins on the nose with scented tropical fruits and a background of dried herbs and cut grass. The palate is very elegant, expressing green melon, gooseberry and tropical fruits with plenty of richness and concentration. Fine elevated acidity keeps the wine in balance, with a persistent finish reminiscent of dried herbs and guava.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 88pts - 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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