



2010 d'ARENBERG THE OLIVE GROVE CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale & Adelaide Hills, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Chardonnay
MATURATION :	35% in new and older French and American oak for 7 months
ANALYSIS :	14.0% alc/vol 7.1 g/L TA 3.19 pH

BACKGROUND :

Since settlement in the 1840's, olive trees have thrived in McLaren Vale's coastal environment. Birds feed on the ripe fruit in the trees then try to carry them back to their nests. Many a stone is dropped from the sky, and there is a good chance an olive tree will pop up where it lands. Visitors will see plenty of these rogue trees along the road sides when touring McLaren Vale.

WINEMAKING :

After crushing, free run juice is cold soaked on its skins at 2°C for up to 20 hours prior to gentle basket pressing. A portion of the wine is then fermented on full solids with wild yeasts in new and seasoned barriques, followed by 7 months maturation in French and American oak. The balance is fermented in stainless steel to retain freshness and abundant acidity. After fermentation, the wine is blended then bottled fresh to retain vibrancy.

TASTING NOTES :

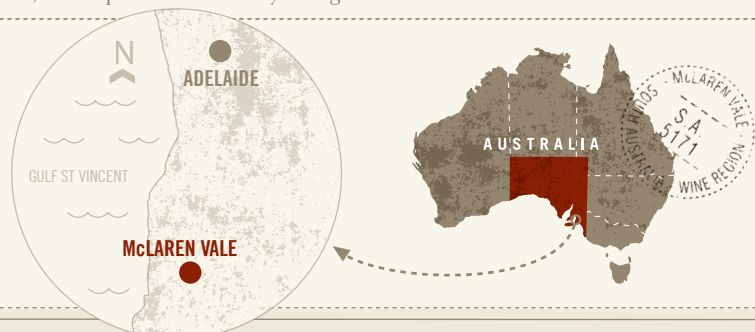
2010 was an early vintage with ample warmth during veraison, allowing for ripe and expressive flavor development. The dominating notes are white peach stones and nectarines, with ripe red apple and cinnamon nuances. The soft palate has excellent weight and concentration, with characters of fig, red apple and citrus oils, fine acidity and notable persistence.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

89 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 88 pts James Halliday

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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