



## 2005 d'ARENBERG d'ARRY'S ORIGINAL

<b>WINEMAKER:</b>	Chester Osborn
<b>REGION:</b>	McLaren Vale, South Australia
<b>VARIETALS:</b>	Shiraz (50%), Grenache (50%)
<b>MATURATION:</b>	12 months in new & older French & American barriques
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	14.5% alc/vol

### THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

This wine is named in honor of d'Arenberg's principal, Francis d'Arry d'Arenberg Osborn, whose winemaking career began at this family winery more than a half a century ago. d'Arry's blend, launched some four decades ago, continues as it began - a blend of Shiraz and Grenache sourced from d'Arenberg's own low-yielding, 19th century vineyards.

### WINEMAKING:

The fruit was gently crushed in Demoisy open-mouthed, rubber-toothed crushers then transferred to headed-down open fermenters. A small amount of the Shiraz fruit underwent carbonic maceration to highlight the spicy, berry fruit characters. Traditional foot-treading takes place prior pressing in 19th century basket presses and completion of fermentation in new and older oak barriques.

### TASTING NOTES:

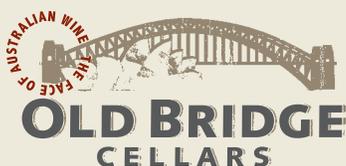
The 2005 Shiraz Grenache is dark plum with great clarity and depth of color. The nose shows a minerality and spicy edge reflective of the cooler vintage, with plums, potpourri and dark chocolate notes. Cranberry and tamarillo fruit characters are provided by the Grenache component of the blend. The tightly structured palate is dominated by plums, mulberries, licorice spice and a touch of meatiness. It is balanced with fine acidity and long, dusty tannins. With age, this wine will soften further into a seamless, silky palate with complex earthy notes to complement the spicy berry, fruit.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

93 pts Wine & Spirits, 89 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 88 pts Robert Parker

### 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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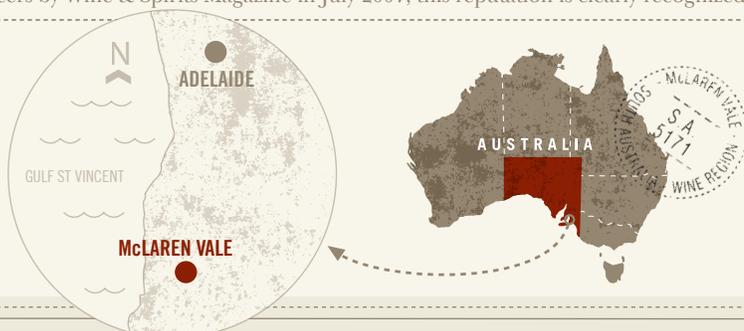
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