



2008 d'ARENBERG THE COPPERMINE ROAD

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION :	18 months in new & seasoned French oak
ANALYSIS :	15.0% alc/vol 6.6 g/L 3.38 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

The grapes for this wine come largely from a near extinct clone of Cabernet Sauvignon. This unnamed clone yields no more than one ton per acre because of its very poor setting ability and the tiny size of its berries. However, the quality of the grapes is far superior, with wonderful violet and blackcurrant aromas, great acidity and long, intense fine-grain tannins.

WINEMAKING :

Fruit is gently crushed in an open-mouthed, rubber-toothed, Demoisie crusher before being transferred to open vessels for fermentation. Here the cap is permanently submerged beneath the free run juice, avoiding any harsh plunging or pumping over. Traditional foot-treading takes place after fermentation is complete, then gentle basket pressing precedes transfer to barrel for 18 months maturation. After this time every barrel is individually assessed for quality, only the best barrels being selected for inclusion in The Coppermine Road.

TASTING NOTES :

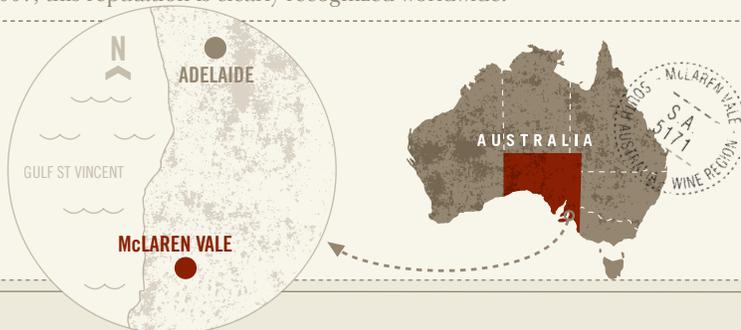
Intense nose of varietal cassis and mint balanced with an earthy leafiness, slight eucalypt and a hint of dark chocolate. The palate is linear and pointed with a lovely tannin structure that drives the wine to a long finish. Although still youthful and tight, the palate delivers on the promise of the nose with lovely savory characters of dried herb and tobacco leaf.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

95 pts Australian Wine Companion, 92 pts International Wine Cellar, 90 pts Wine Advocate

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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