

2011 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP WHITE

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling (72%), Marsanne (11%), Sauvignon Blanc (9%), Roussanne (8%)
ANALYSIS: 12.5 % alc/vol | 6.7 g/L TA | 3.17 pH

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:

There was ample winter rain followed by mild summer conditions that led to a late start to vintage. Disease pressure was high due to multiple periods of rain. d'Arenberg's minimal input viticulture techniques dealt with these conditions well. Diligence ensured that crop losses were minimized. The mild conditions promoted very steady ripening, high natural acidity and lovely delicate and complex flavors.

TASTING NOTES:

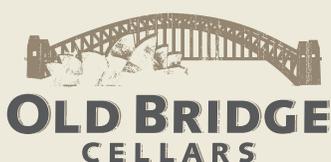
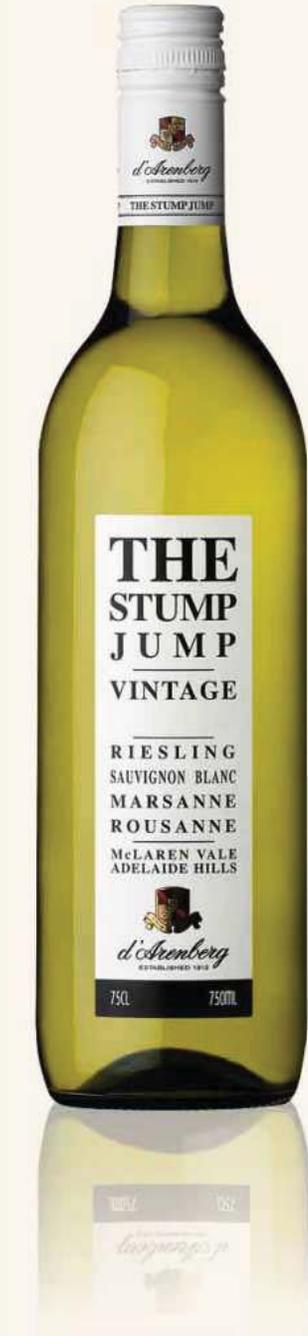
An intoxicating mix of ripe, yellow peaches, guava and hints of honey blossoms on the nose. The tropical stone fruits are also evident on the palate but give up a little territory to some lovely, zesty lemon, lime citrus characters that add freshness to the wine. The Marsanne and Roussanne play a dominant role on the palate offering up slightly more exotic notes of papaya and green almonds.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

87 pts 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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