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2011 d'ARENBERG THE NOBLE BOTRYOTINIA FUEKELIANA

WINEMAKER : Chester Osborn
REGION : Adelaide Hills (87%) and McLaren Vale (13%)
VARIETALS : Sauvignon Blanc
ANALYSIS : 10.5% alc/vol | 3.5 pH | 10.5 g/L TA

BACKGROUND :

Botryotinia fuckeliana is the scientific name for a certain type of mold, more affectionately known as 'noble rot' that affects fruit. Noble rot weakens the skin of the grape which causes the water in the berry to evaporate and leaves behind the sugar and nutrients. Paradoxically to the lewd sounding name, Botryotinia fuckeli-ana is an asexual spore, named after German botanist, Karl Wilhelm Gottlieb Fuckel.

WINEMAKING :

Late harvesting took place by hand in small volumes when fruit flavors and the Botrytis was at an optimal point. The fruit was gently crushed before receiving a small amount of skin contact with the juice then separated out and basket pressed. Fermentation occurred in small tanks using neutral yeast to cope with the high natural sugar levels and to avoid dominating the fruit characters. The fermentation stopped naturally, retaining a considerable level of residual sugar.

TASTING NOTES :

A racy nose to start, citrus blossom, fresh grass and marmalade mix with tropical fruits and ripe, sweet passionfruit. It has a heady mix of complexity and decadence. The palate offers a spicy, zesty entry with the texture of lemon curd, all velvety and smooth with citrusy acid keeping it all in line. Layers of flavor keep on coming; including spicy orange cake, minerals and herbs. This wine is long, fine and direct and its acidity; spice tinged and mineral edged.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

94 pts Australian Wine Companion, 91 pts International Wine Cellar, 88 pts Wine & Spirits

ABOUT d'ARENBERG :

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