



2010 d'ARENBERG THE VOCIFERATE DIPSOMANIAC SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	Single Vineyard - McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Shiraz
MATURATION :	20 months in new & older American & French oak barriques
ANALYSIS :	14.8% alc/vol 3.5 pH 6.5 g/l TA

BACKGROUND :

Fourth generation family winemaker Chester Osborn believes the wine from this vineyard is so good it can cause people to develop a mild case of Dipsomania (look it up) and demand 'vociferously' for another bottle.

THE VINEYARD :

Sub-Region - Beautiful View **Age of Vines** - 44 years **Altitude** - 360' above sea level
Soil - red and brown shallow clay and loam on limestone **Size** - 8.4 acres
Proximity to the Ocean - 8km **Aspect** - Slight undulation. East/West rows

WINEMAKING :

Small four to five ton batches are lightly crushed and then transferred to headed-down open fermenters. These batches remain separate until final blending. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. When tannin extraction is just right the wine is basket pressed and transferred to a mixture of new and used French and old American oak barriques to complete the ferments. The barrel ferments are aged on lees to keep the wine fresh while also reducing the oak influence. There is no racking until final blending. This wine will drink well until at least 2029.

TASTING NOTES :

On the nose, freshly cracked pepper and violet notes lead into a swirl of sweet plums, red berries and earthy minerals. The palate is fresh and spicy with bright red and purple fruits that sit nicely with the earthy tannins. The tannins are gritty and textural adding to the complexity and intrigue. This wine has great concentration of fruit coupling with the bony tannins giving it weight and vibrancy, all in balance.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

94 pts Wine & Spirits, 93 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.



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