

2008 d'ARENBERG THE DEAD ARM SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Shiraz
MATURATION :	18 months in new & seasoned American & French oak
ANALYSIS :	14.5% alc/vol 7.1 g/L TA 3.29 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

Dead Arm is a vine disease caused by the fungus *Eutypa Lata* that randomly affects vineyards all over the world. Often vines affected are severely pruned or replanted. One half, or an 'arm' of the vine slowly becomes reduced to dead wood. That side may be lifeless and brittle, but the grapes on the other side, while low yielding, display amazing intensity.

WINEMAKING :

Fruit is gently crushed in a Demoisy crusher before being transferred to open vessels for fermentation. The cap submerged beneath the free run juice, avoiding any harsh plunging or pump-overs. Traditional foot-treading takes place after fermentation, then gentle basket-pressing before transfer to barrel for maturation. Every barrel is individually assessed for quality, only the best being selected for inclusion in The Dead Arm Shiraz.

TASTING NOTES :

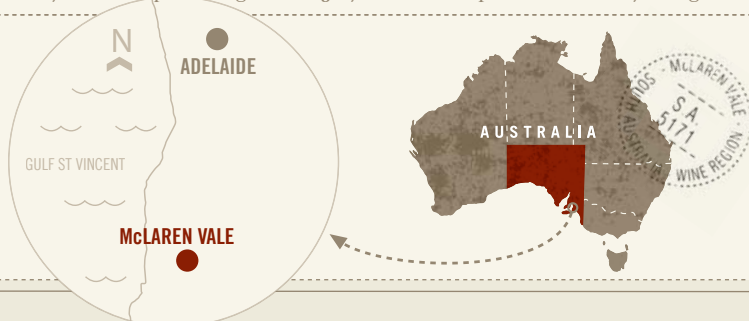
Notes of fennel, purple flowers and blossom mingling with ripe, varietal purple fruits and black pepper, dried herbs, game and spice. The palate opens with anise, black pepper, graphite and restrained dark cherries before it gives way to seductive mulberry, plum, licorice and spice. It has great power, depth and length with very vibrant, gritty fruit tannins providing immense structure.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

92 pts International Wine Cellar, 91 pts The Wine Advocate, 90 pts Wine Spectator

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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