

2013 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP WHITE

WINEMAKER : Chester Osborn
REGION : McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills, South Australia
VARIETALS : Riesling (29%), Sauvignon Blanc (28%), Roussanne (27%), Marsanne (16%)
ANALYSIS : 13.1 % alc/vol | 6.4 g/L TA | 3.24 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 :

Great winter rains set the vines up well, followed by a very dry spring and summer with no heatwaves. The initial fruit development was fantastic, the first white grapes to be picked showed incredible levels of natural acidity coupled with good fruit ripeness unlike anything d'Arenberg has seen for a long time, especially the Riesling.

TASTING NOTES :

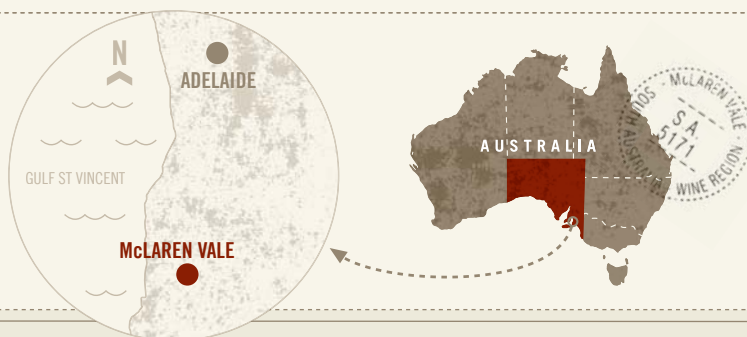
Riesling gives the finesse and class to this wine, Sauvignon Blanc adds loads of aromatics, and the Marsanne and Roussanne provide complexity, weight and nuttiness to the palate. The resulting wine is an exotic mix of citrus, stone fruits, passionfruit, guava and canned pineapple which develops into a long savory, nutty like finish. The mouthfeel is rich and luscious without being overly oily, kept in check by a fine line of mineral acidity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

88 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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