

2013 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills, South Australia
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc
ANALYSIS: 12.7% alc/vol | pH: 3.24

BACKGROUND:

The name 'Stump Jump' pays homage to a significant South Australian invention – the Stump Jump plough. As well as clearing the land around McLaren Vale, it was adopted worldwide in the late 19th century because of its ability to ride over stumps and gnarled roots, saving valuable time and energy.

THE VINTAGE:

There was good winter rainfall and early bud burst in the first week of September. It was a mild to warm spring and very dry all the way through to harvest. Despite the dryness through the growing season, stress levels were in check thanks to those good winter rainfalls. Thanks to the dryness, there was minimal disease pressure. The result was good cropping levels with great fruit quality. Sauvignon Blanc fared very well, showing mesmerizing aromatics, good depth of flavor and lovely mineral acid profiles.

TASTING NOTES:

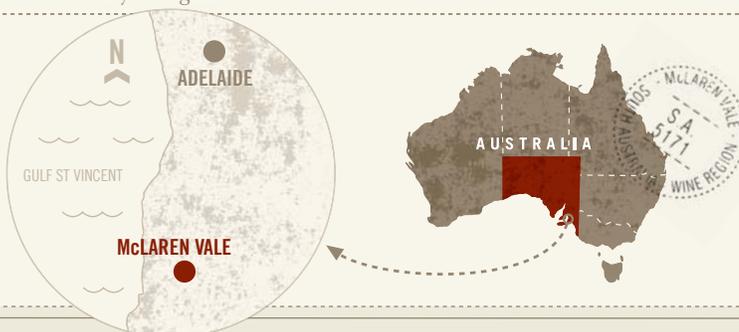
A fun wine laden with tropical fruits and just a whiff of fresh cut grass on the nose. Again, tropical passionfruit and gooseberry flavors dominate the palate, with a herbal twist reminiscent of crunchy snow peas. Lively acid makes this wine very refreshing and delicate musk like flavors linger making this wine extremely moreish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 pts/Best Buy Wine & Spirits

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 as one of the Top 100 Wineries eight times by Wine & Spirits Magazine, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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