



2011 d'ARENBERG THE LUCKY LIZARD CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	Adelaide Hills
VARIETALS :	Chardonnay
MATURATION :	7 months in seasoned French oak barriques
ANALYSIS :	12.2% alc/vol 2.94 pH 9.1 g/L TA

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

During the summer, Bearded Dragon Lizards sun themselves in the vineyards and find their way into a load of grapes destined for the winery. Lucky for the lizards, d'Arenberg uses a very gentle Demoisy crusher which allows the lizards to pass through the ordeal unharmed and they are returned back to the bushland next to the winery.

WINEMAKING :

Some of the coldest, highest altitude, Adelaide Hills vineyards require constant berry sampling. Fruit from each vineyard is picked and kept separate throughout vinification and maturation. The separate parcels of fruit, once crushed, are lightly basket pressed in d'Arenberg's specially designed presses, ensuring the gentle extraction of the variety's delicate fruit flavor. Fermentation takes place in a combination of new, one and two-year-old French oak barriques.

TASTING NOTES :

The pretty nose is lifted with notes of guava, lemon zest, spice and ripe green apple. The palate is tight, mineral and focused, building with layers of citrus and tropical fruit to notes of candied ginger and spice. A modern styled Chardonnay made with restraint, allowing the delicate side of this magical grape variety to play a leading role.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

92 pts James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, 91 pts Wine & Spirits, 90 pts - Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast, 90 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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