

2011 d'ARENBERG THE COPPERMINE ROAD

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION :	18 months in new and older French oak barriques
ANALYSIS :	14.3% alc/vol 7.3g/L TA 3.45 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

Coppermine Road runs parallel to d'Arenberg's very best Cabernet vineyard. Planted to an almost extinct clone, this vineyard rarely yields greater than one ton to the acre.

WINEMAKING :

Small batches of grapes are crushed gently and then transferred to five tonne headed down open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. The wine is then basket pressed and transferred to a mixture of new and used French oak barriques to complete fermentation. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, and there is no racking until final blending. There is no fining or filtration prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES :

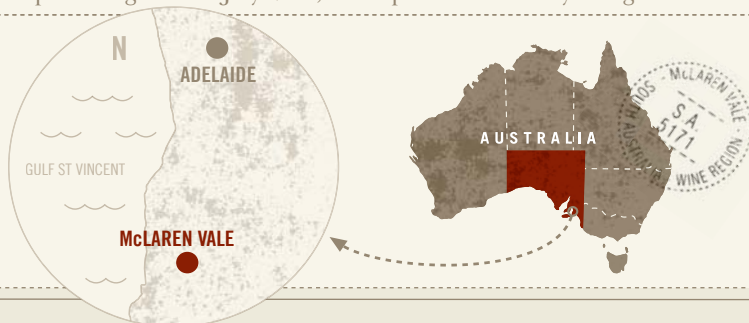
A common thread through the 2011 vintage is the amount of aromatic lift they display. The Coppermine Road is a prime example of this. A plethora of Cabernet characters seemingly bursting from the glass, with typical notes of blackcurrant, violets and cedar enhanced by a twist of mint and herb from the cooler vintage. The palate is streamlined and focused. No blousiness here, just a beautiful line of fruit, some sweetness, a hint of chocolate and raspberry perhaps with a nutty savory edge. Tannins are chalky and long but the lasting impression is one of fruit. A style of Cabernet that one may not expect from McLaren Vale but extremely true to its varietal heritage.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

95 pts Australian Wine Companion, 91 pts Vinous, 91 pts Wine Enthusiast, 90 pts The Wine Advocate

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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