

2011 d'ARENBERG BONSAI VINE

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| WINEMAKER: | Chester Osborn |
| REGION: | McLaren Vale, South Australia |
| VARIETALS: | Grenache (49%), Shiraz (45%), Mourvedre (6%) |
| MATURATION: | 12 months in new and older American & French oak barriques |
| ANALYSIS: | 14.3% alc/vol 6.3 g/L TA 3.45 pH |

BACKGROUND:

These old, dry grown bush vines grow in shallow soils on hard rock, requiring hand pruning to keep producing berries in this harsh environment. The vines are very small for their age, their tiny shoots giving them a bonsai appearance.

WINEMAKING:

Parcels of each varietal are gently crushed and fermented in small batches in traditional headed-down open fermenters, followed by foot-treading. The skins are then gently pressed in traditional 19th century 'Coq' and 'Bromley & Tregoning' basket presses prior to maturation in French and American oak barriques for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES:

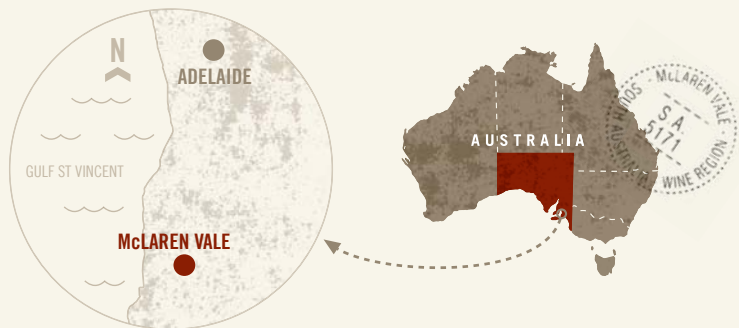
Ageing beautifully and shows an enticing mix of primary fruit characters along with secondary developed notes. Spiced plums and a whisper of pastille fruit are accompanied by fresh leather, muscatel, dried fig and old wooden furniture notes. The palate is juicy and generous with a comforting warmth to it. The tannins are succulent and textured. A wine in its prime.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 87 pts James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion

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 and Top Value Brands in the world by Wine & Spirits Magazine in 2013, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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