

## 2013 d'ARENBERG BONSAI VINE

<b>WINEMAKER :</b>	Chester Osborn
<b>REGION :</b>	McLaren Vale, South Australia
<b>VARIETALS :</b>	Grenache (48%), Shiraz (46%), Mourvèdre (6%)
<b>MATURATION :</b>	12 months in new and older American & French oak barriques
<b>ANALYSIS :</b>	14.2% alc/vol   7.2 g/L TA   3.44 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 :

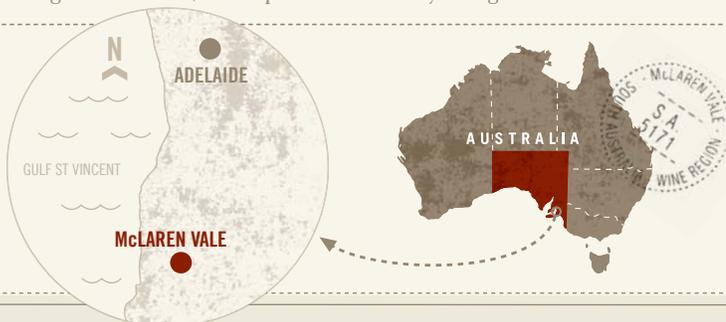
Red fruits and mixed berries leap from the bottle into your glass. The bouquet is further enhanced by the ever so familiar d'Arenberg hallmarks of earth and soot, a nod to our hands off grape growing and winemaking practices that allow the wines to evoke a true sense of place. The palate delivers even greater complexity, more cherry-plum and pastille fruit, blood orange, fennel and licorice and a whole assortment of savory, woody spice, nutmeg, cinnamon and clove to finish. All the while, this wealth of flavor is being supported by a firm frame of iron tannins, that bring not only succulence but an overall balance to the wine's mouthfeel.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

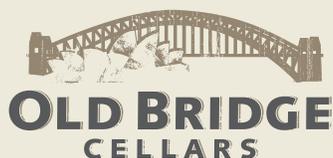
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### ABOUT d'ARENBERG :

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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