

2013 d'ARENBERG THE IRONSTONE PRESSINGS

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Grenache (67%), Shiraz (28%), Mourvedre (5%)
MATURATION :	18 months in new & older French oak barriques
ANALYSIS :	14.3% alc/vol 7.0 g/l TA 3.45 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

Most of McLaren Vale's acclaimed, historic vineyards are riddled with ancient, decomposed ironstone. Its extraordinary rusty red-brown color is derived from the iron oxides present in the stone. The larger pieces were cleared from the vineyards in the late 1880's and utilized in many of the buildings at d'Arenberg, most notably the old stables.

WINEMAKING :

Small batches of grapes are crushed gently and then transferred to five ton headed down open fermenters. These batches remain separate until final blending. 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. The Ironstone Pressings does not undertake fining or filtration prior to bottling.

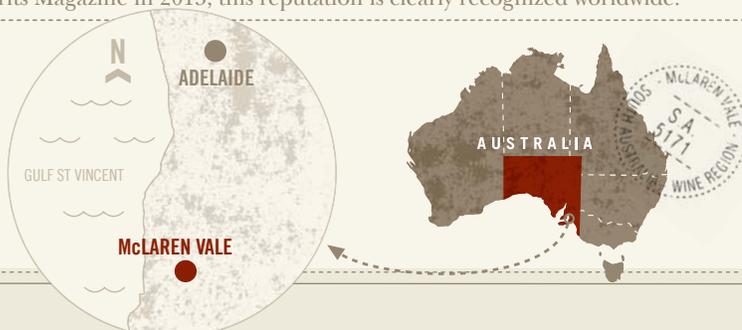
TASTING NOTES :

Intoxicating and ethereal. Allow this wine to develop slowly in your glass and watch as the earthen and woody spiced nose unfurls to reveal sweet plummy fruits, supported with highlights of cardamom, nutmeg and cinnamon. A recognizable undercurrent of game and cured meats, ties the link between this vintage and previous ones. The palate, whilst rich and juicy with its abundance of plums and mulberries, displays an ample volume of textured tannins which tame the mid palate creaminess ensuring a long, savory finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 92+ pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 92 pts Vinous

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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