

2014 d'ARENBERG THE DERELICT VINEYARD GRENACHE

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Grenache
MATURATION :	12 months in older American & French oak barriques
ANALYSIS :	14.5% alc/vol 6.6g/L TA 3.51 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

Some years ago Chester Osborn, sought out additional premium Grenache fruit from McLaren Vale to meet the high demand for d'Arenberg's Grenache-based wines. Many old vineyards showed promise but had not been used for grape production for decades; the vines resembled Medusa's hair - wild, struggling and gnarled. The taming and rejuvenation of these vineyards has occurred over several years, but the results have been dramatic, with the gnarly old vines producing fruit of amazing density and richness.

WINEMAKING :

The low-yielding Grenache fruit was hand-picked, and after gentle crushing in the 'Demoisy' crusher, separate parcels were fermented in traditional headed-down open fermenters. These batches remain separate until final blending. Gentle pressing took place in 19th century basket-presses with fermentation completed in barrels.

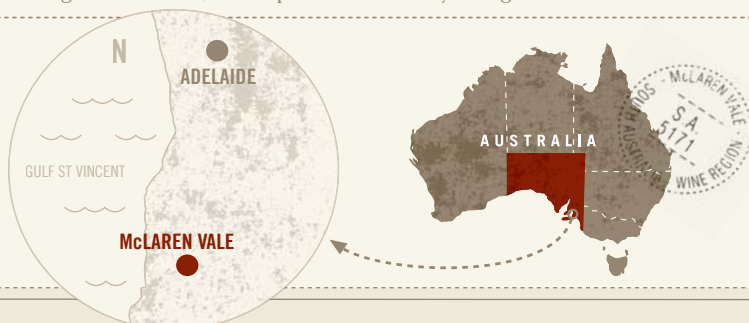
TASTING NOTES :

Incredible volumes of varietal expression on the nose with plum, blueberry, raspberry and an undercurrent of earth and game. The palate, whilst generous, remains medium bodied. Chalky tannins paired with succulent acidity make this Grenache exceedingly lively and mouthwatering. A number of years in bottle has refined this wine, smoothing edges whilst maintaining youthful appeal. Further aging will build ever increasing layers of complexity and texture.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 92 pts JamesSuckling.com

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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