

2015 d'ARENBERG THE COPPERMINE ROAD

**WINEMAKER:**

Chester Osborn

REGION:

McLaren Vale, South Australia

VARIETALS:

Cabernet Sauvignon

MATURATION:

18 months in French and American oak barriques

ANALYSIS:

14.3% alc/vol | TA: 7.0 g/L | pH: 3.48

BACKGROUND: 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 NOTES: 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: Although a little closed when first opened, this wine soon becomes vibrant, powerful Cabernet Sauvignon. The nose is full of red berries, cassis and a refined leafiness. The palate is young and fresh with spicy acidity and gravelly tannins. The oak is restrained and balanced, allowing the old vine character to shine through. This wine needs time (and patience) to evolve and will reward cellaring in the medium to long term.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 94 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.

