

2018 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP WHITE



WINEMAKER:

Chester Osborn

REGION:

McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills, South Australia

VARIETALS:

Riesling (55%), Marsanne (23%), Sauvignon Blanc (20%), Roussanne (5%)

ANALYSIS:

12.0% alc/vol | TA: 7.2 g/L | pH: 3.04

BACKGROUND: The name 'Stump Jump' relates to the significant South Australian invention – the Stump Jump plough. This plough became a popular piece of machinery for ploughing fields because of its ability to ride over stumps and gnarled "mallee" Eucalypt roots and snags, saving valuable time and resources by not stopping the draught horse.

VINTAGE NOTES: Quite a wet winter, an average autumn and a very dry summer. Temperatures were mild until late January, so vines seemed to be delayed and harvest appeared like it was again going to be late. However, a few hot days and nights brought the ripening forward with slight sacrifice of acidity. The above average temperatures of February and March and the dryness made everything ripen relatively quickly. Yields appeared on the lighter side, because the heat and dry conditions did reduce them significantly, however they were still quite respectable across all varieties.

TASTING NOTES: A crisp, refreshing white blend, with a touch of sweetness. Lifted aromatics, with loads of white flowers, honey suckle and pear. The palate is full of sweet tropical fruits, with underlying citrus and grapefruit flavors.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed. 2017 vintage: 89 pts Wine Spectator

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.

