

## 2016 d'ARENBERG d'ARRY'S ORIGINAL

### Review Summary



**91 pts/Best Buy/Year's Best McLaren Vale** “d’Arry’s Original is one of the most consistent and consistently satisfying reds grown in South Australia. D’Arry Osborn, Chester’s father, developed it in the 1950s, having joined the family business in 1943 at the age of 16. It was a time when most McLaren Vale vineyards were devoted to grapes for fortified wines. In 1959, d’Arry released his first d’Arenberg Burgundy, with the red stripe on the label, the blend of grenache and shiraz that would become d’Arry’s Original in 1993. Chester makes it as his father did, in small open-top fermenters with headed-down boards to keep the cap of grape skins submerged. It’s foot trod, basket-pressed and aged in a mix of French oak barrels, emerging, with a few years of bottle age, as a cool, floral, zesty blend with crunchy heirloom-apple acidity and funky, meaty edges to the tannins. A firm and juicy red you could drink now or ten years from now.”

**Joshua Greene**  
Wine & Spirits Magazine  
February 2020

**91 pts** “This has rich raspberries and tarry blackberries with licorice notes, too. The palate has a very fleshy, vibrant and fresh edge with strong yet smooth tannins.”

**Nick Stock**  
JamesSuckling.com  
June 26, 2019

**90 pts** “d’Arenberg’s classic power play between juicy, tangy fruit and muscular tannins is in full force here. Rubarb, plum, cherry cordial and peppery, earthy spice are hemmed in by chalky, taut and slightly aggressive tannins. Like a chiseled jawline, it is angular yet expressive, finely structured and attractive.”

**Christina Pickard**  
Wine Enthusiast  
December 2019



**90 pts** “A crowd pleaser with loads of flavor, allspice, warm earth, ripe red fruit and a whiff of menthol. Full-bodied, firm tannins and pomegranate tartness on the finish.”

**Jane Faulkner**  
**Halliday Wine Companion**  
**2020**

“You won’t find too many reds to match this McLaren Vale blend for quality and value. Winemaker Chester Osborn has blended shiraz and grenache – two of the varieties that thrive in the region – to produce a bold wine with plenty of flavor that is extremely easy to drink thanks to basket-pressing and maturation in older French oak. This is a terrific all-purpose red for pairing with pizzas, pastas, burgers, weddings, parties, anything.”

**Winsor Dobbins**  
**Ciao Magazine**  
**May 2019**