

## 2007 d'ARENBERG THE LAST DITCH VIOGNIER

<b>WINEMAKER:</b>	Chester Osborn
<b>REGION:</b>	Adelaide Hills (70%), McLaren Vale (30%), South Australia
<b>VARIETALS:</b>	Viognier
<b>MATURATION:</b>	9 months in older French and American oak barriques
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	13.5% alc/vol

### THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

Planted in the last part of the 19th century on the d'Arenberg vineyard was a small block of Doradillo – a bland grape variety from which Sherry is made from. In 1995, the Doradillo was grubbed out and the site became inhabited by Viognier. It so happens that this site was down the bottom of a gully, in a big ditch, hence, the name.

### WINEMAKING:

Selected from premium fruit from McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills vineyards, this wine saw full fermentation with near full solids in older oak (at moderately cool temperatures) to retain its vibrant fruit characters. Although fermentation was undertaken in old oak barriques, there is no obvious oak influence in this wine due to the age of the barriques.

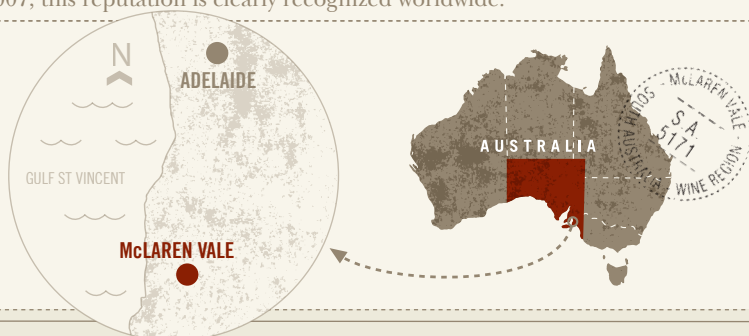
### TASTING NOTES:

The Last Ditch Viognier expresses exotic, floral characters on the nose with citrus, apricots, yellow peaches, and nectarines in the foreground. The musky palate is integrated with ginger spice, pear, tropical fruit, dried flowers, and herbaceous mineral notes. The grippy tannins combined with moderate acidity suggest that this wine can be enjoyed now, as well as over the next 5 years.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 90 pts - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 90 pts - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 90 pts **EDITOR'S CHOICE** - Wine Enthusiast, 89 pts - James Halliday's 2009 Australian Wine Companion

### 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 among Australia's Top 10 Shiraz producers by Wine & Spirits Magazine in July 2007, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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