



2008 d'ARENBERG
THE STUMP JUMP
LIGHTLY WOODED CHARDONNAY
Review Summary



87 pts “The 2008 The Stump Jump Lightly Wooded Chardonnay saw a bit of wild yeast fermentation, a tad of barrel ferment, and a brief period in French and American oak. It is a pleasant, fruity wine with aromas and flavors of baking spices, apple, and pear. It will provide friendly drinking over the next 1-2 years.”

Jay Miller, Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*
December 2009, Issue #186

87 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “Offers a very ripe bouquet of apricot, nectarine and a touch of spice; an intensely fruit sweet palate, provides generosity, if just a little one-dimensional.”

James Halliday’s *Australian Wine Companion*
2010

87 pts “Light yellow-gold. Deep, smoky aromas of apple, pear, floral honey and mustard seed. Creamy, gently leesy flavors of orchard fruits and melon provide good palate coverage but are a touch warm on the back. Still, a note of bitter lemon peel gives the finish good clarity.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*
July/August 2009

86 pts - BEST BUY “This starts off peachy, but there's also a bit of roasted or grilled sweet corn for complexity. It's medium-bodied and crisp, with a fresh finish.”

Joe Czerwinski, *Wine Enthusiast*
October 31, 2009

85 pts “Bright and jazzy, with citrus and pineapple flavors, lingering on the zesty finish.”

Harvey Steiman, *Wine Spectator*
November 30, 2009

4 STARS “Smoky oak complexity to the nose, with a hint of VA that sits well with the style. Interesting ‘edgy’ tropical/melon palate showing funky complexity.”

Winestate Magazine
May 2009



“This is new to The Stump Jump line, the respected McLaren Vale producer’s budget brand. Chester Osborn has eased off on the oak to make a crisp, fruity chardonnay with a hint of sweetness. Adding character, Osborn insists the label is inspired by an optometrist’s eye chart. “If you hold the bottle at arms length and can read the bottom line, you can have another glass,” he quips.”

Jeff Collerson, The Daily Telegraph
April 2009

★★★★ “d’Arenberg’s Stump Jump wines have featured before. For value and drinkability, they are easy to recommend. This McLaren Vale – Adelaide Hills blend has an appetizing nose of fig, melon and syrupy stone fruits, seasoned lightly with oak. It’s lush with mouth-watering acidity.”

Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Age
March 2010

“From one of the oldest estate wineries in South Australia, this is a blast of tropical pineapple mango fruit with a dusting of lemon wax, clove, and toast from light barrel contact (not fake wood chips). It has bracing lemony acid and quite intense flavors that run to excellent length.”

Ottawa Magazine
October 2010

89 pts “If you're looking for a lightly oaked Chardonnay that tastes great and will fit your budget, try the 2009 d'Arenberg The Stump Jump Lightly Wooded Chardonnay. Medium golden in color, this wine (best served well chilled) is full of vibrant fruit aromas of ripe peaches, honeydew, cantelopo and mandarin orange. The light bodied palate presents much of the same fruit with just the right amount of oak, which is spicy and defined but not overpowering at all. This wine finishes very smooth and creamy with citrus and spice.”

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