









2008 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP STICKY CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn

REGION: McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills, South Australia

VARIETALS: Chardonnay (95%), Semillon (5%)

ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 147.5 g/L | 3.62 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

The name "Stump Jump" relates to the significant South Australian invention - the Stump Jump plough. It became a popular piece of machinery for ploughing fields because of its ability to ride over stumps as well as gnarled "mallee" Eucalypt roots and snags, saving valuable time and resources by not having to stop the draught horse.

WINEMAKING:

The significant summer rain in 2008 caused the onset of Botrytis Cinerea in d'Arenberg's Chardonnay vineyards in both McLaren Vale and the Adelaide Hills. This friendly fungus removes the moisture from the grapes leaving behind the sugar, nutrients, and minerals while allowing winemaker, Chester Osborn, to make this beautiful sweet and sticky wine.

TASTING NOTES:

The nose is packed with rich flavors of marmalade, kumquat, ripe peach and orange butter. The palate is unctuous with the kumquat character pushing through the layers of yellow peach, butterscotch and a hint of green apple. The finish has a touch of lemon acidity with a lingering orange rind character. This sweet wine can be served with dessert, cheese, fresh fruit, or drizzled over vanilla ice cream.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

89 pts Wine Entusiast

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.



