



2009 d'ARENBERG THE HIGH TRELLIS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER : Chester Osborn
REGION : McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS : Cabernet Sauvignon
ANALYSIS : 14.5% alc/vol | 3.38 pH | 7.2 g/L TA

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

The High Trellis vineyard has been producing grapes since the late nineteenth century. It was nicknamed "The High Trellis" as its vines were the first at d'Arenberg to be trained above knee-height in the 1890s.

WINEMAKING :

Small batches are crushed in the Demoisy open-mouthed, rubber toothed crusher and then transferred to open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. When tannin extraction is just right the wine is basket pressed and transferred to a mixture of older French and old American oak barriques to complete fermentations. The barrel fermented component is aged on lees for 12 months to keep the wine fresh while also reducing the oak influence.

TASTING NOTES :

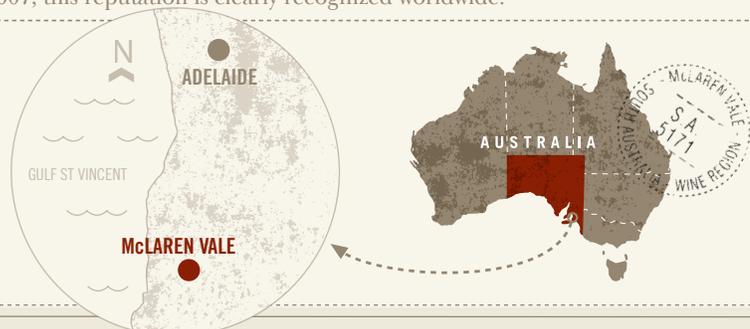
Ripe blueberries and cassis mingle with violets and leafy aromatics on the lifted nose. There's a touch of spicy oak adding complexity to the typical d'Arenberg soulful earthiness. The palate is still tightly woven with precise Cabernet tannins all sinewy and finely textured. Earthy grip mingles with minerals, graphite and hints of potpourri. The palate is fresh and lively, the acid and tannin backbones working well together with a licorice core.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

93 pts Australian Wine Companion, 89 pts International Wine Cellar, 89 pts Wine Spectator, 88 pts/Best Buy Wine & Spirits

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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