



## 2009 d'ARENBERG THE LOVE GRASS SHIRAZ

<b>WINEMAKER :</b>	Chester Osborn
<b>REGION :</b>	McLaren Vale, South Australia
<b>VARIETALS :</b>	Shiraz (85%), 3% Viognier, 3% Merlot, 2% Pinot Noir, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Souzao, 1% Tempranillo, 1% Sagrantino, 1% Cinsault, 1% Tint Cao
<b>MATURATION :</b>	18 months in new and older American & French oak barriques
<b>ANALYSIS :</b>	14.5% alc/vol   7.4 g/L TA   3.35 pH

### BACKGROUND :

A wild grass, the Love Grass, often grows in the vineyards surrounding the d'Arenberg winery. During vintage, the sticky, Velcro-like, long stemmed flowers of the Love Grass affectionately attach themselves to the vineyard workers' socks. This Shiraz will also linger with you and, as such, the family thought it fitting to name this wine 'The Love Grass.'

### VINTAGE NOTES :

Sufficient winter rains set up the vines well with good canopies. December and most of January were very cool with only three days above 85°F until late in the month. There was a string of days above 104°F in late January. Most Shiraz vines were going through veraison at this time and there was little negative impact. The mild weather that followed ensured that ripening was stress free and grapes showed good levels of natural acidity and balanced tannins.

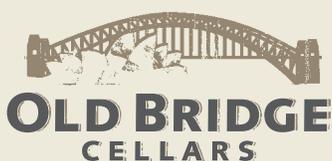
### TASTING NOTES :

The nose opens with bright purple fruits before a darker layer of black olive and cracked pepper emerges. All the different varieties are on display with a full rack of spices and a touch of potpourri. The palate is equally complex with lovely sweet fruit opening before more savory elements of black olive, cured meat and game take over the mid palate. Cinnamon, bay leaf and nutmeg dance along the long, mineral finish. The tannins are fine and chalky with a mouth watering quality that drives you back.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** 90 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

### 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.



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