

2009 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills, South Australia
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc
ANALYSIS: 13% alc/vol

BACKGROUND:

The name 'Stump Jump' pays homage to a significant South Australian invention – the Stump Jump plough. As well as clearing the land around McLaren Vale, it was adopted worldwide in the late 19th century because of its ability to ride over stumps and gnarled roots, saving hard working farmers valuable time and energy.

THE VINTAGE:

Sufficient winter rains set up the vines well with good canopies, particularly in the Adelaide Hills. December and most of January were very cool with the exception of a string of days above 100°F. Adelaide Hills' cool climate and the mild weather that followed allowed the vines to recover and finish ripening in low stress conditions.

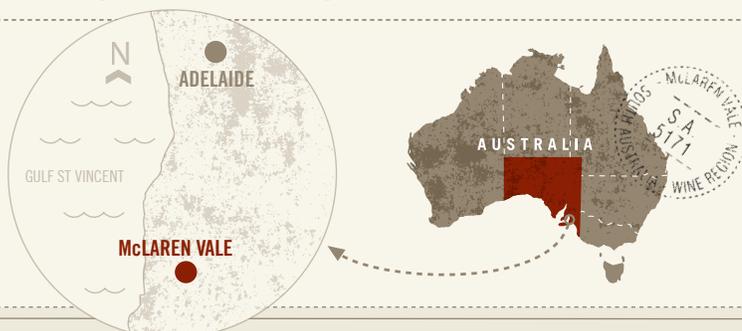
TASTING NOTES:

Like pies and sauce, The Stump Jump Sauvignon Blanc and summer nights go hand in hand. The wonderfully expressive nose is herbaceous to start before opening up to gooseberries, passionfruit and pear. The palate is all a Sauvignon Blanc should be, clean, fresh and full of fruit characters that dance across the palate. The nose is consistent with the palate along with lychee and tropical fruits. With a well integrated backbone the flavours linger as long as you can't resist taking another sip.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 88 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. 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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