



2009 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
ANALYSIS: 14% alc/vol | 6.2 g/L TA | 3.35 pH

BACKGROUND:

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

THE VINTAGE:

Sufficient winter rains ensured good sub soil moisture and set up the vines well with healthy, balanced canopies. December and most of January were very cool with a string of days above 100°F in late January. Most varieties were going through veraison during this heat spell. The mild weather that followed ensured that ripening was stress free and grapes showed good levels of natural acidity and balanced tannins.

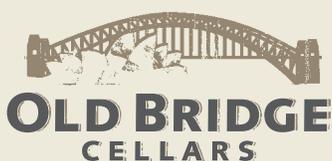
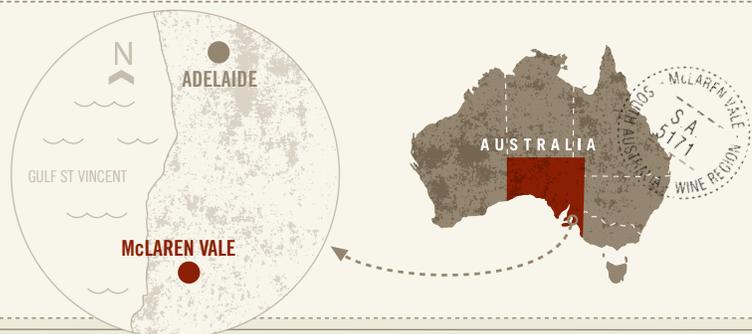
TASTING NOTES:

The nose sings with typical Cabernet characters of cassis, dark plums, blueberries, mint and bell peppers. Youthful and fresh the palate has a lovely leafy berry core than runs the whole way through to a lovely finish of fine mineral tannins. The oak is totally integrated and allows the fruit characters to star.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 89 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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