



2010 d'ARENBERG THE MONEY SPIDER ROUSSANNE

WINEMAKER:	Chester Osborn
REGION:	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Roussanne
MATURATION:	A small portion was aged in French oak barriques
ANALYSIS:	13.0% alc/vol 6.5g/L TA 3.22 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

d'Arenberg's first small crop of Roussanne was harvested and held in a shed for an hour while the crusher was being prepared. Meanwhile, a sea of tiny "Money Spiders" crawled to the top of the load and started furiously spinning a cover of webs. The spiders were carefully removed, as much as possible, since they are considered good luck charms. In fact, a popular belief is that if you treat these small spiders with respect, wealth will come your way.

WINEMAKING:

Picked at a slightly higher Beaume to enhance the stone fruit characters, the fermentation period was long and moderately cool to retain fruit characters. Only free-run juice was used for the final wine and no induced malolactic fermentation was undertaken.

TASTING NOTES:

Good winter rains in 2009 set up thick, healthy canopies for the 2010 ripening season, while a dose of hot weather during flowering was unseasonal and unexpected, but benign. The warmth continued into veraison, setting us up for an early harvest and producing Roussanne fruit with ripe characters and aromatic notes of citrus and dried thyme. The palate delivers nectarine and white pepper, developing into a crisp, honeyed finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

89 pts International Wine Cellar, 88 pts eRobertParker.com, 88 pts Wine Spectator

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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