



2011 d'ARENBERG THE BROKEN FISHPLATE SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: Adelaide Hills, South Australia
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc
MATURATION: 8% fermented in older French oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 12.2% alc/vol | 7.3 g/L TA | 3.2 pH

BACKGROUND:

The name Broken Fishplate comes from the small block of Sauvignon Blanc planted in a tight 'V' of the gully. The vine rows follow the contour of the land, eventually meeting, forming a sharp bend in the row. When tackling this sharp bend during harvest, the fishplates that straddle the vines and posts often break, hence 'the broken fishplate.'

WINEMAKING:

The grapes are lightly crushed with a short period of skin contact prior to a cool fermentation in temperature controlled tanks, with a small component undergoing a wild yeast ferment. 8% of the free run juice is fermented in French oak to increase complexity and mouthfeel.

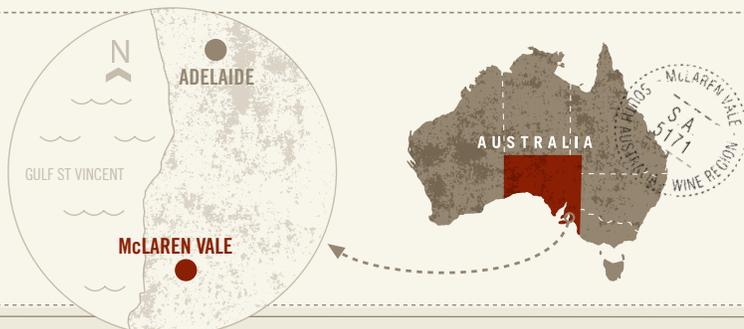
TASTING NOTES:

Wonderfully aromatic, the passionfruit, snow pea, guava, lemon and lime characters literally jump out of the glass in a wave of flavour. The palate opens with blackcurrant bud and soft tropical fruits of mango and lychee which are delicately balanced by crisp, refreshing citrus. The flavours cascade across the palate with the touch of barrel fermentation adding texture, complexity and interest. The acidity is nicely linear and the palate long on this crisp Adelaide Hills wine.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 89 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 87 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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