

2012 d'ARENBERG THE HIGH TRELLIS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER : Chester Osborn
REGION : McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS : Cabernet Sauvignon
ANALYSIS : 14.3% alc/vol | 7.3 g/L TA | 3.42 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

The High Trellis vineyard has been producing grapes since the late nineteenth century. It was nicknamed "The High Trellis" as its vines were the first at d'Arenberg to be trained above knee-height in the 1890s.

WINEMAKING :

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to five ton headed down open fermenters. These batches remain separate until final blending. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. The wine is then basket pressed and transferred to old American oak barriques to complete fermentation. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, and there is no racking until final blending. This wine does not undertake fining or filtration prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES :

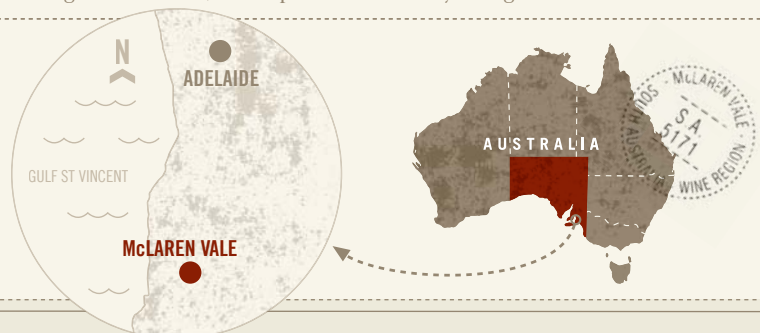
The nose is fresh and lifted, full of plums and blackcurrants mixing with minty notes and fragrant violets. The oak supplies a touch of cedar, adding complexity, combined with the typical soulful earthiness of d'Arenberg reds. The palate is textured and lithe, coated by lacy tannins with a core of cassis, licorice and plum fruit mixed with earth, graphite and a mineral tail. It's well weighted, fresh and balanced, inviting now or will reward the patient.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

93 pts Australian Wine Companion, 91 pts - 100 Best Buys of the Year Wine & Spirits, 91 pts Vinous,

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 as one of the Top 100 Wineries and Top Value Brands in the world by Wine & Spirits Magazine in 2013, their reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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