

2012 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER : Chester Osborn
REGION : McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS : Shiraz
ANALYSIS : 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.4 g/L | pH: 3.39

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.

VINTAGE NOTES :

A wet summer and winter set the vines up perfectly for the 2012 vintage. Spring and summer were drier than normal, resulting in lower fruit yields. A small heat burst just prior to veraison assured a solid colour change, small berries and pronounced tannins in the grapes. The red wines from this vintage are black, solid and quite structured, the biggest year for some time; not oily but definitely gutsy.

TASTING NOTES :

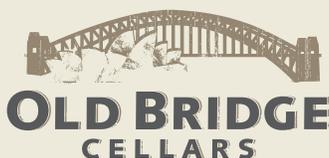
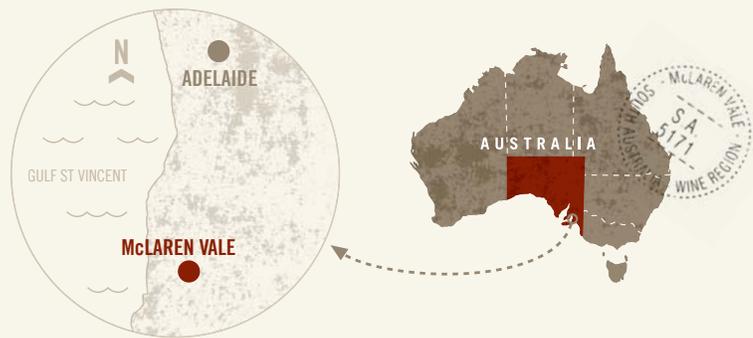
A generous and juicy McLaren Vale Shiraz, loaded with sweet fruits, blackberry, plum, raspberry, contrasted by complexing subtleties of spice, earth and game. Medium bodied but round, long flavored and beautifully balanced. The voluptuous and delicious nature of this wine will give immediate satisfaction, the savory nuances will ensure you remain interested and coming back for more.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

89 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

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.



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