



NOSTALGIA RARE TAWNY N.V.

Region

McLaren Vale, South Australia

Varieties

Grenache with a little fortified Shiraz, Mouvèdre and White Muscat

Maturation

Small, old oak barrels;
average age over 12 years,
although includes material
over 50 years old

Technical Analysis

18% alc/vol; 5.5 g/l total acidity; 3.33pH

Background

Four generations of the Osborn family have made fortified wines; having produced and relied upon a fortified 'Tawny' style for more than seven decades. After careful blending of the various parcels to the well established Nostalgia style, the wine is bottled in small batches at d'Arenberg two or three times a year in an effort to maintain the traditional hallmarks of d'Arenberg's Nostalgia Rare Tawny - complexity, freshness, intensity, and lusciousness.

The Nostalgia Tawny is the oldest and rarest wine from d'Arenberg and as such it is only available in tiny quantities.



Tasting Notes

d'Arenberg's Nostalgia Fine Old Tawny is blended from up to 15 separate fortified wines aged in oak, bottled in small batches, a few times each year. Once bottled, the Nostalgia, like all other Tawny style fortified wines, does not improve in bottle, but can be kept safely after opening.

Nostalgia's color is light to mid tawny mahogany and yellow brown, with khaki and olive green tinges at the edges, indicating advanced base material age. On the nose, the Nostalgia exhibits complex, spicy lifted nutty rancio aromas. The palate, although generous with English toffee and butterscotch and Christmas cake-like flavors, is well balanced by the drying sensations that come from long ageing in oak.

In recent times, and roughly every alternate vintage, Chester Osborn fortifies small amounts of grenache and occasionally shiraz to ensure a small but hopefully constant supply of Nostalgia Fine Old Tawny when introduced to the final blend in future. Until then, the older Nostalgia is best drunk with almonds, currants, dried fruit, cheeses and coffee.

Additional Notes:

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