

## 2004 d'ARENBERG THE LOVE GRASS SHIRAZ

<b>WINEMAKER :</b>	Chester Osborn
<b>REGION :</b>	McLaren Vale, South Australia
<b>VARIETALS :</b>	Predominantly Shiraz
<b>MATURATION :</b>	12 months in new and older American & French oak barriques
<b>ALCOHOL :</b>	14.5% alc/vol

### BACKGROUND :

A wild grass, the Love Grass, often grows in the vineyards surrounding the d'Arenberg winery. During vintage, the sticky, Velcro-like, long stemmed flowers of the Love Grass affectionately attach themselves to the vineyard workers' socks. This Shiraz will linger with you in much the same way as the sticky flowers do and, as such, the family thought it fitting to name this wine 'The Love Grass'.

### WINEMAKING :

d'Arenberg's traditional winemaking methods of gently crushing the fruit then fermenting with a submerged cap in open vessels is undertaken for this wine. Once complete, the wine undergoes traditional basket pressing to produce highly clarified juice without filtering or fining, a gentle process that maximises the rich flavors inherent to McLaren Vale fruit.

### TASTING NOTES :

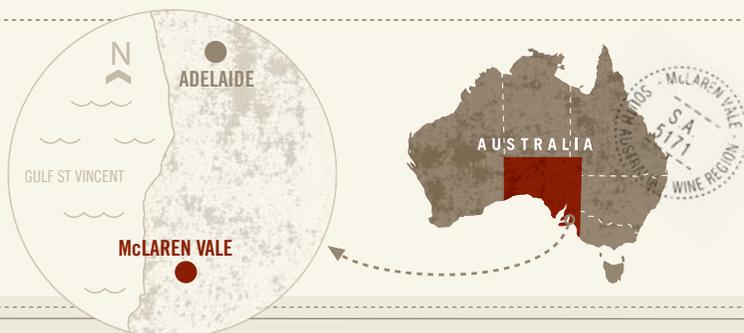
A cooler year in 2004 produced darkly-colored Shiraz fruit of expressive floral notes, spice, mulberries and a slight cassis undertone. Plum and cherry fruits are evident on the juicy palate, with lifted violets, cloves, and smoked bacon for complexity. The wine finishes with mulberry tar-like characters and firm, gritty tannins fanning out across the back palate.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

2004 vintage - **89pts** Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **89 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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