



2011 d'ARENBERG THE DRY DAM RIESLING

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Riesling
FERMENTATION :	Cool stainless steel fermentation with selected neutral yeasts
ANALYSIS :	11.0% alc/vol 8.3 TA 2.8 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

The original d'Arenberg Riesling vineyard neighbored a property on which a dam was built, yet due to an extremely dry winter, remained dry the first year. While rain came the next year, the dam failed yet again to hold any water.

WINEMAKING :

The fruit for The Dry Dam Riesling was selected from four separate picks over eight dry-farmed vineyards. Highly clarified free run juice was collected for this wine from the basket press. Fermentation was long and cool with use of neutral yeasts in temperature controlled vessels to allow the full expression of fruit characters to emerge.

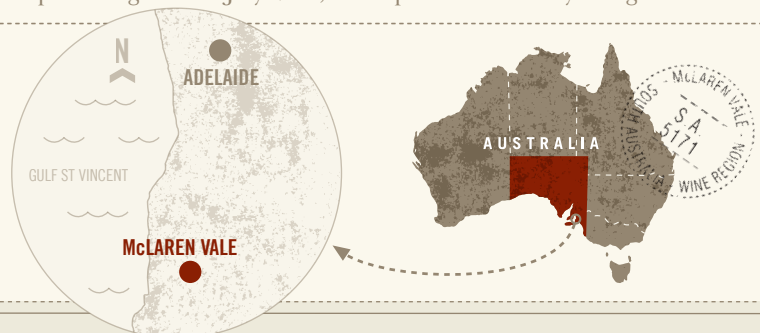
TASTING NOTES :

It's a rich aroma of exotic tropical fruits with notes of guava, white peach and preserved lime with subtle orange blossom in the background. The palate is off dry, with residual sugar highlighting the juicy red apple and zesty citrus characters. The racy acid brings the palate back into focus for a refreshingly dry finish which lingers with notes of lemon and lime. Fresh and zesty this wine is very approachable on release. The natural acidity will see it age gracefully in the bottle for up to a decade.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 88 pts/*Best Buy Wine & Spirits*, 88 pts Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, 88 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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