



2008 d'ARENBERG THE IRONSTONE PRESSINGS

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Grenache (70%), Shiraz (25%), Mourvedre (5%)
MATURATION :	12 months in new & older French & American oak barriques
ANALYSIS :	14.5% alc/vol 6.6 g/l TA 3.4 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

d'Arenberg's love affair with Grenache reaches its pinnacle with The Ironstone Pressings. The original block planted in 1918, on the lower side of the winery, has a plentiful amount of ironstone in the soil structures, enhancing the body and tannin structure of the wine.

WINEMAKING :

Fruit is gently crushed in an open-mouthed, rubber-toothed, Demoisy crusher before being transferred to open vessels for fermentation. Here the cap is permanently submerged beneath the free run juice, avoiding any harsh plunging or pumping over. Traditional foot-treading takes place after fermentation is complete, then gentle basket pressing precedes transfer to barrel for maturation. After this time the best Grenache barrels are individually selected to complement the Shiraz and Mourvedre components, resulting in a harmonious blend.

TASTING NOTES :

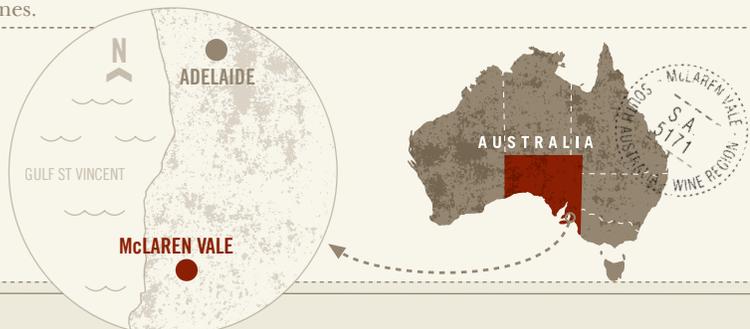
Fresh plum, blackberry and raspberry on the nose with nutmeg and cinnamon spices and a floral lift. There is a touch of licorice and a hint of white pepper adding complexity. The palate has wonderful structure with elegant chalky tannins through the mid palate and long, fine mineral tannins providing a refined finish. Savoury dried herbs on the finish balance the fruit sweetness and spices of the varietal Grenache flavors.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

93 pts Australian Wine Companion, 92 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 92 pts/Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast, 91 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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