

2012 d'ARENBERG THE BROKEN FISHPLATE SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	Adelaide Hills, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Sauvignon Blanc
MATURATION :	8% fermented in older French oak barriques
ANALYSIS :	13.3% alc/vol 7.18 g/L TA 3.17 pH

BACKGROUND :

The name Broken Fishplate comes from the small block of Sauvignon Blanc planted in a tight 'V' of the gully. The vine rows follow the contour of the land, eventually meeting, forming a sharp bend in the row. When tackling this sharp bend during harvest, the fishplates that straddle the vines and posts often break, hence 'the broken fishplate.'

WINEMAKING :

The grapes were passed through a gentle roller crusher before being basket pressed. The fermentation was long and moderately cool to retain fresh fruit characters. Around 8% of the juice was fermented in aged French Oak to add mouth feel. A few one year old French barrels (2.5% of final blend) underwent wild fermentation to add complexity.

TASTING NOTES :

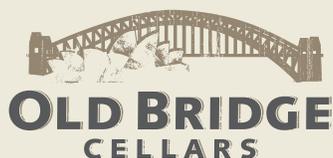
Adelaide Hill's higher altitude and cool climate is perfect for producing Sauvignon Blanc with beautiful balance and flavor. The nose is lifted and expressive of passionfruit and guava alongside aromatic herb botanicals. On the palate, tropical fruits are joined by cumquat and candied limes, and a crisp greenness is reminiscent of crunchy snow peas. The luscious mid-palate is followed by a long, focused mineral finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

92 pts/Best Buy Wine & Spirits, 89 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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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