

2011 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP RED

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvedre
MATURATION :	50% matured in seasoned oak casks for 6 months
ANALYSIS :	14.4% alc/vol TA: 6.2 g/L pH: 3.4

BACKGROUND :

The name 'Stump Jump' relates to the significant South Australian invention – the Stump Jump plough. This plough became a popular piece of machinery for ploughing fields because of its ability to ride over stumps and gnarled "mallee" Eucalypt roots and snags, saving valuable time and resources by not stopping the draught horse.

VINTAGE NOTES :

There was ample winter and spring rain which provided good sub soil moisture and resulted in healthy canopies and good vigor. Summer conditions were very mild with vintage starting on February 24 in McLaren Vale, only a few days shy of the latest start on record. The late start to vintage and colder (often rainy) conditions throughout meant much diligence in the vineyard and a long harvest.

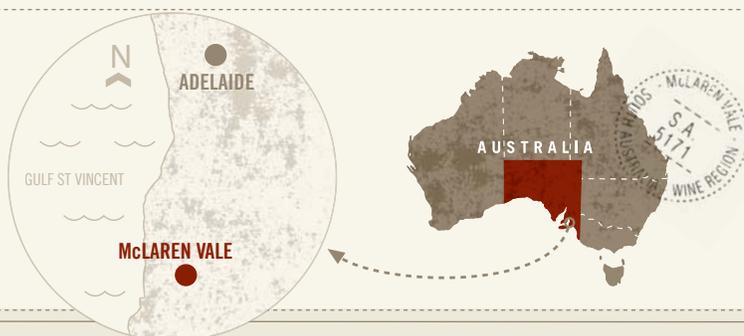
TASTING NOTES :

The Shiraz offers concentrated dark plum fruits, mulberries and licorice and velvety tannin. The Grenache adds a lovely lushness to the wine with raspberry, blueberry and floral notes adding prettiness. Both of these varieties also give a little white pepper character which has been accentuated in the cooler vintage. Finally, the Mourvedre imparts elegance and restraint through its lovely line of red fruits with a hint of dried herbs and importantly, a fine chalky tannin that carries all these characters to a wonderfully long finish.

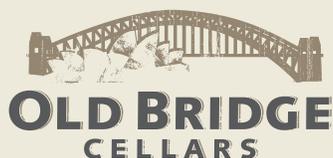
CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 89 pts - Top 100 Best Buy Wine Enthusiast, 89 pts - Best Value Wine Spectator, 88 pts - Best Buy Wine & Spirits, 88 pts International Wine Cellar

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.



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