

## 2012 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 :	11.5% alc/vol   1.2% RS   8.6 TA   2.9 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 :

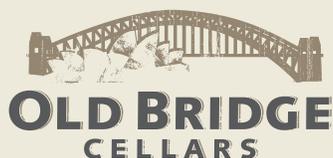
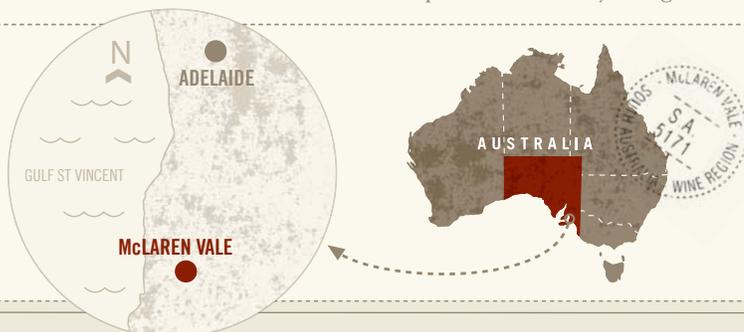
Rich aromas of exotic tropical fruits with guava, white peach, preserved lime, and orange blossom notes in the background. The palate is off dry, with residual sugar highlighting the juicy red apple and zesty citrus characters. The racy acid brings the palate back into focus for a refreshingly dry finish which lingers with notes of lemon and lime. The natural acidity will see it age gracefully in the bottle for up to a decade.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

91 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 4th-generation winemaker Chester Osborn. By maintaining a focus on traditional winemaking and nurturing their old-vine material, the Osborns have successfully established themselves as one of the country's leading producers of expressive, characterful wines. Receiving the accolades Winery of the Year 24 times and Winemaker of the Year seven times, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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