

2016 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP WHITE

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling (60%), Sauvignon Blanc (20%), Marsanne (11%), Roussanne (9%)
ANALYSIS: 11.7 % alc/vol | 7.2 g/L TA | 3.09 pH

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.

THE VINTAGE:

The 2016 vintage started a few days earlier than ever before due to the dry conditions, but relieving rains arrived in late January/early February, reducing stress for the final stages of ripening. The earlier harvested fruit achieved fruit ripeness at relatively low sugar levels due to the rain event. These wines are bright, spicy and vibrant with a lovely long acid and elegance. As vintage progressed the concentration grew and the color intensified, resulting in more weighty wines without overripe characters.

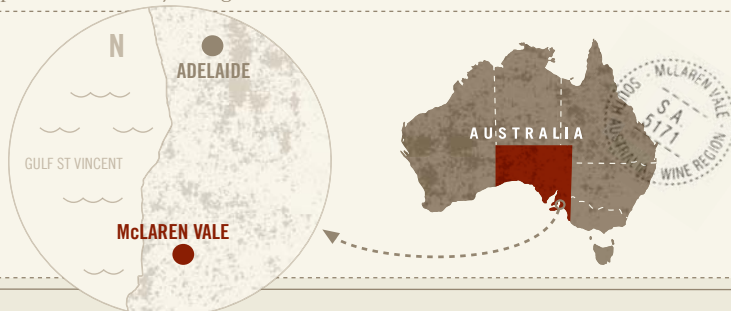
TASTING NOTES:

Lifted fresh cut grass and snap pea aromatics hint at Sauvignon Blanc with lemon and lime sherbet from the Riesling exploding from the glass. The Rhone varieties play lightly on the nose with tropical flowers, fresh pineapple, dry hay, and candied ginger peeking through. The palate shows red apple skins, ripe pear, and white peach with some pithy grapefruit texture, all balanced by some nutty creamy notes. A welcoming hint of the candied ginger returns and lingers on a long, fresh, and vibrant finish. The wine begins with loads of fruit which carries through the palate to a long satisfying finish held tightly poised by a fine and long acid line.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 87 pts The Wine Advocate, 87 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 as one of the Top 100 Wineries and Top Value Brands in the world by Wine & Spirits Magazine in 2013, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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