

2013 d'ARENBERG d'ARRY'S ORIGINAL

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Shiraz (50%), Grenache (50%)
MATURATION :	2/3 for 20-21 months in new & older French & American barriques, 1/3 large oak casks
ANALYSIS :	14.5% alc/vol 7.1 g/L TA 3.46 pH

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT :

This wine is named in honor of d'Arenberg's principal, Francis d'Arry d'Arenberg Osborn, whose winemaking career began at this family winery more than a half a century ago. d'Arry's blend, launched some four decades ago, continues as it began - a blend of Shiraz and Grenache sourced from d'Arenberg's own low-yielding, 19th century vineyards.

WINEMAKING :

Small batches are crushed in the Demoisy open-mouthed, rubber toothed crusher and then transferred to five ton headed-down open fermenters. These batches remain separate until final blending. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. When tannin extraction is just right the wine is basket pressed and transferred to oak barriques as well as large casks to complete primary and secondary fermentation and is aged on lees to keep the wine fresh while also reducing the oak influence. There is no racking until final blending.

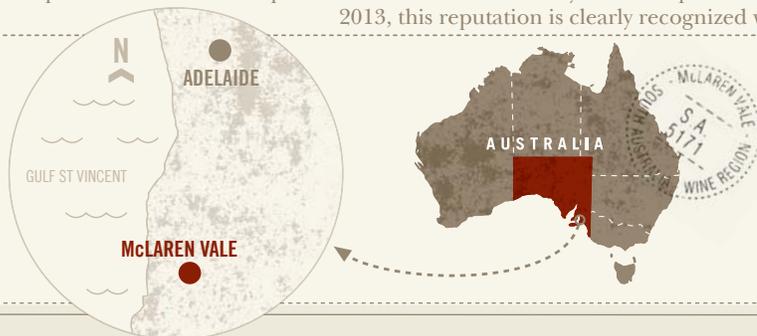
TASTING NOTES :

The structure and dark, earthy flavor of Shiraz, paired with the fragrance and pure fruit of Grenache are the hallmarks of a great d'Arry's Original. 2013 is no exception, if anything this vintage looks bigger, darker and more concentrated than most with ripples of gritty tannin. The final impression will be an infusion of ferrous and spice notes, a hint of woodsmoke and a generous volume of succulent black and purple fruits opening up with luscious mulberry and plum, laced with earthy notes and cured meats.

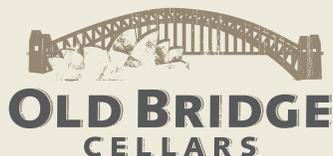
CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 91 pts/*Editors' Choice* Wine Enthusiast, 91 pts *Vinous*, 90 pts *Australian Wine Companion*

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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