

2013 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP CABERNET MERLOT

WINEMAKER : Chester Osborn
REGION : McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS : Cabernet Sauvignon (50%), Merlot (50%)
MATURATION : 50% matured in seasoned oak casks for 6 months
ANALYSIS : 14.4% alc/vol | TA: 7.0 g/L | pH: 3.41

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 :

A warm and dry spring and summer followed by further dry conditions throughout harvest meant a number of things. Disease pressure was negligible, yields were down, and ripening happened relatively quickly. From a quality perspective in regards to reds, these conditions produced wines of incredible color and flavor. Dark, brooding wines with great volumes of fruit and layers of chewy, velvety tannin structure. Big, concentrated wines but beautifully balanced.

WINEMAKING :

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation, the wine is basket pressed and then 50% is aged in French oak for six months.

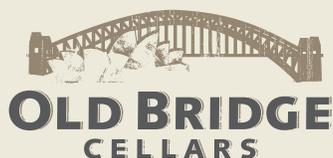
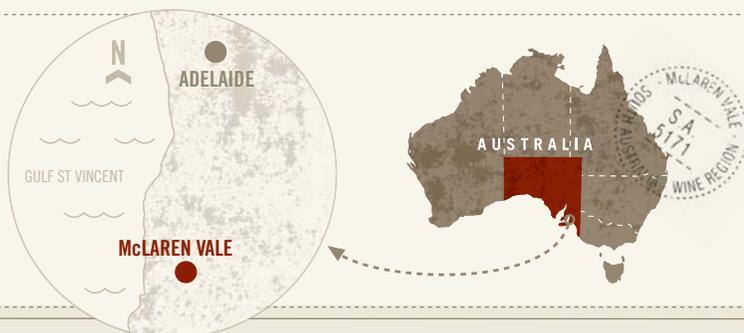
TASTING NOTES :

A wine showing signs of both maturity and youth. Youthful, jubey, mulberry and blackcurrant notes are slowly turn to wonderfully mature and smooth flavors of sweet, juicy, baked fruits, fresh leather and woody spice. A lovely line of acid runs through the palate bringing freshness and life, combining with the slowly softening tannins to add focus and length.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed.

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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