

2016 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills, South Australia
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc
ANALYSIS: 12.7 % alc/vol | 6.4 g/L TA | 3.22 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:

Average winter rainfall followed by a dry, warm spring ensured that the vines set well, leading to relatively large crop loads. 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. Mild to warm February and March conditions were ideal, slowing sugar accumulation and allowing full flavors to develop.

TASTING NOTES:

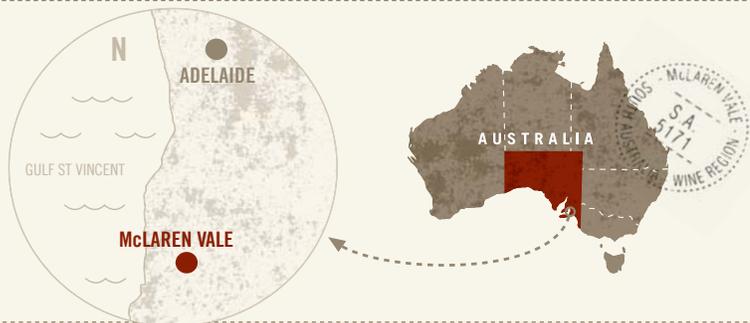
A mixed basket of tropical fruits on the nose, including pineapple, passionfruit and lychee with a subtle undercurrent of sweet pea and fresh cut grass. The palate is wonderfully flavorsome, again with an abundance of luscious, tropical fruits. This is tempered by a spritzy, energetic acid, adding freshness, elegance and length. Clean and crisp, simple and satisfying.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

89 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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