

2014 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER : Chester Osborn
REGION : McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS : Shiraz
ANALYSIS : 14.3% alc/vol | TA: 6.0 g/L | pH: 3.37

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 :

The season began well with average winter rainfall. Summer conditions were significantly warmer than average with two heatwaves through January testing the limits of the vines. Following the heatwaves came rain and cool weather, which helped slow down ripening, and allowed flavor development to catch up to sugar ripeness. White wines from this vintage are fruity and very flavorsome, as are reds with ample tannin to match.

TASTING NOTES :

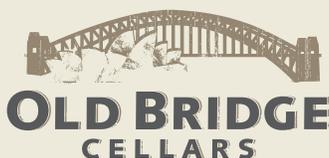
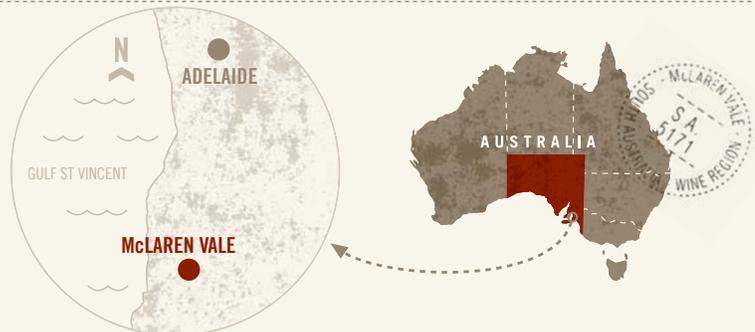
Lifted red fruits are chased down by dark berry aromatics, baking spice and the cracked pepper characters shared by all good McLaren Vale Shiraz. On the palate the fruit weight supports a fine tannin profile - characteristics that would make this wine sit proudly amongst those many times its price. Black olive, earthy notes, and a subtle touch of graphite and iron round out the full palate. This wine has a welcome plushness to it, yet sits lightly on the tongue, its tannin and long acid line giving it a lively and playful feel.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

89 pts/Top 100 Values of 2017 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.



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