

2017 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP RIESLING



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
ANALYSIS: 11.3% alc/vol | TA: 8.4 g/L | pH: 2.98

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 healthy winter and plenty of spring rains set the vines up very well. Bud burst was on time, but very cool for the first part of spring. Flowering was quite late, by three weeks, which meant a late start to harvest, and long, slow ripening periods. It was very dry from February to April, with only a few millimeters of rain. Days were mild with a lot of cool nights, the first few weeks of April was around two degrees hotter than usual, which help that last bits of fruit to ripen. Overall, a great vintage with minimal disease pressure and above average crop levels.

TASTING NOTES: Fresh, crisp and youthful. The nose is full of green apple and lemon sherbet notes. The palate has a slight sweetness but is beautifully balanced with a spicy, zingy finish. Lemon, lemon and more lemon.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 89 pts/Best Buy Wine Enthusiast, 88 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.

