

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: Quite a wet winter, an average autumn and a very dry summer. Temperatures were mild until late January, so vines seemed to be delayed and harvest appeared like it was again going to be late. However, a few hot days and nights brought the ripening forward with slight sacrifice of acidity. The above average temperatures of February and March and the dryness made everything ripen relatively quickly. Yields appeared on the lighter side, because the heat and dry conditions did reduce them significantly, however they were still quite respectable across all varieties.

TASTING NOTES: Fresh, crisp and focused; The retention of a touch of sugar is balanced by zesty acidity that lifts the wine to a new height for McLaren Vale. It's a beautiful pale yellow with a nose full of green apple and lemon. The palate is zesty with a slight sweetness but is balanced with a crisp finish. Lemon overload. Great value for its price point.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed. 2017 vintage 89 pts/Best Buy Wine Enthusiast

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.

