

# 2015 d'ARENBERG

## THE STUMP JUMP LIGHTLY WOODED CHARDONNAY



**WINEMAKER:** Chester Osborn  
**REGION:** McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Chardonnay  
**MATURATION:** 60% matured in older French and American oak  
**ANALYSIS:** 12.8% alc/vol | TA: 7.9 g/L | pH: 3.17

**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.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** Parcels of fruit are selected from vineyards in the McLaren Vale and the Fleurieu Peninsula. Once they have been gently crushed, the grapes are basket pressed to softly extract the juice from the skins. 60% of the juice is partially or fully fermented in a mixture of older French and American oak to add a touch of spice and mouthfeel. Once fermentation is complete all batches are tasted to determine which will suit this gentle and fruity style of Chardonnay.

**TASTING NOTES:** Fresh crunchy Chardonnay, full of Granny Smith apple, a squeeze of citrus and a slight brininess that becomes more evident on the palate. Prudent use of well-seasoned French oak adds discreet hazelnut and brioche notes to the mix. The mid palate continues to develop a slight creaminess but the finish remains tight, savory and long.

**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. Consistently ranked as one of the Top 100 Wineries in the world by Wine & Spirits Magazine, this reputation is clearly recognized globally.

