

2017 d'ARENBERG

THE STUMP JUMP CABERNET MERLOT



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (55%), Merlot (44%), Petit Verdot (1%)
MATURATION: 50% matured in seasoned oak casks for 6 months
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.7 g/L | pH: 3.45

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. The summer rains stopped in mid-January, so disease pressure was low. Overall, a great vintage with minimal disease pressure and above average crop levels.

TASTING NOTES: Big Cabernet Merlot nose, full of black currants, black olives and bay leaves. The palate is full and generous, with flavors of black currant pastels and licorice sweets. There's some tannin present, but not too much. It's tasty, and fun drinking.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 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. Consistently ranked as one of the Top 100 Wineries in the world by Wine & Spirits Magazine, this reputation is clearly recognized globally.

