

NV d'ARENBERG

THE PEPPERMINT Paddock SPARKLING RED



WINEMAKER:

Chester Osborn

REGION:

McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills, South Australia

VARIETALS:

McLaren Vale, South Australia

ANALYSIS:

14.5% alc/vol | TA: 7.4 g/L | pH: 3.04

BACKGROUND: Surrounded by peppermint gums, the block that was replanted in 1989 to Chambourcin from Shiraz which never grew well on that particular site. When the fruit is picked fully ripe it retains high levels of acidity, an abundance of color, flavor and tannin - perfect for a sparkling red wine.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Each batch of fruit was crushed in a gentle crusher ensuring that as many berries as possible remain whole. The must was then transferred to open fermenters where the skins are permanently submerged beneath the free run juice. The must received no plunging or pumping over while fermenting on its skins for up to 14 days, after a session of foot-treading, it is then basket pressed. This bottling is back to using one hundred percent Chambourcin as the base wine, and a smidge of Vintage Fortified Shiraz to add richness to the palate and a different spectrum of spice.

TASTING NOTES: The mousse is vibrant purple and persistent, the bead lively; a glass full of fun. The nose is a swirl of spiced plums, cherries and ripe red berries dusted with sweet spice for lift. Another whiff reveals notes of winter berries and layers of licorice and earth. The palate is full and fresh, spicy with a creamy mouthfeel and balanced tannins. The acidity is mineral-laced and linear providing a back-bone of freshness. The long finish is clean and taught. This wine is ready for drinking now and it will also cellar well.

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.

