

2017 d'ARENBERG

d'ARRY'S ORIGINAL SHIRAZ GRENACHE



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (50%), Grenache (50%)
MATURATION: 2/3 for 20-21 months in new & older French & American
barriques, 1/3 large oak casks
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.4 g/L | pH: 3.48

BACKGROUND: This wine is named in honor of d'Arenberg's principal, Francis d'Arry d'Arenberg Osborn, whose winemaking career began at this family winery more than a half a century ago. d'Arry's blend, launched some four decades ago, continues as it began - a blend of Shiraz and Grenache sourced from d'Arenberg's own low-yielding, 19th century vineyards.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. The wine is then basket pressed and transferred to oak barriques and large casks to complete primary and secondary fermentation and is aged on lees to keep the wine fresh. There is no racking until final blending.

TASTING NOTES: This wine is highly aromatic, with pretty red fruits and exotic spice. The palate is medium bodied and delicious, showing wild strawberry, dried cranberry and rhubarb flavors. There's some nice dried herb and baking spice nuances to this wine, supported by decent amounts of acidity and tannin. It's fresh and vibrant now, however, this wine will mellow further with some age.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts/Best Buy Wine & Spirits, 91 pts Wine Spectator, 91 pts JamesSuckling.com, 91 pts Halliday Wine Companion

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.

