

2019 d'ARENBERG

THE STUMP JUMP CABERNET MERLOT



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (42%), Merlot (40%), Petit Verdot (18%)
MATURATION: 50% matured in seasoned oak casks for 6 months
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 7.7 g/L | pH: 3.43

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: Winter was quite dry, with sporadic light showers that didn't penetrate the soil very deeply. This impacted budburst but was managed with some irrigation. During spring there was quite a strong wind event around the time of flowering, which upset some of the growth, especially in Shiraz. The quality of the vintage however, was excellent, exhibiting very varietal characteristics.

TASTING NOTES: A rich, juicy and vibrant wine loaded with mulberry and blackcurrant notes. There are some other subtle mint notes around the edges, as well as some cherry and spice, with a floral overtone. Beautifully vibrant on the palate following the nose with rich, juicy fruit, as well as some leather and cedar. There are layers of fine tannins which balances the fruit sweetness to provide a long finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated. 2017: 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.

