

2017 d'ARENBERG

THE BONSAI VINE GSM



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Grenache (48%), Shiraz (47%), Mourvèdre (5%)
MATURATION: 12 months in new and older American & French oak
barriques
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.6 g/L | pH: 3.48

BACKGROUND: These old, dry grown bush vines grow in shallow soils on hard rock, requiring hand pruning to keep producing berries in this harsh environment. The vines are very small for their age, their tiny shoots giving them a bonsai appearance.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Parcels of each varietal are gently crushed and fermented in small batches in traditional headed-down open fermenters, followed by foot-treading. The skins are then gently pressed in traditional 19th century 'Coq' and 'Bromley & Tregoning' basket presses prior to maturation in French and American oak barriques for 12 months. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, and there is no racking until final blending. There was no fining or filtration prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES: Loads of Dutch liquorice, dark soy and earthy notes. These savory notes release their grip slowly revealing the generous, dark berry fruits below. Blackberries, boysenberry and plum notes. The mouthfeel through the attack and mid palate is deliciously silken, until a super fine, grippy tannin asserts itself towards the finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts/Best Buy Wine & Spirits, 92 pts JamesSuckling.com, 90 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate

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.

