

# 2017 d'ARENBERG

## THE IRONSTONE PRESSINGS



**WINEMAKER:** Chester Osborn  
**REGION:** McLaren Vale, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Grenache (50%) Shiraz (47%) Mourvèdre (3%)  
**MATURATION:** 18 months in new and seasoned French oak barriques  
**ANALYSIS:** 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.6 g/L | pH: 3.50

**BACKGROUND:** Most of McLaren Vale's acclaimed, historic vineyards are riddled with ancient, decomposed ironstone. Its extraordinary rusty red-brown color is derived from the iron oxides present in the stone. The larger pieces were cleared in the late 1880's and utilized in many of the buildings at d'Arenberg, most notably the old stables.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** Small batches of grapes are crushed gently and then transferred to five tonne headed down open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. The wine is then basket pressed and transferred to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barriques to complete fermentation. There is no fining or filtration prior to bottling.

**TASTING NOTES:** A unique vintage that offers up a more spicy, elegant, refined rendition of The Ironstone Pressings Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre. Layers of complexity evolve on the nose over time. Spice, earth and cured meats slowly give way to the sweetness of blueberry, boysenberry and plum. The palate is rounded and silky with a fine powdery tannin finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 95 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 94 pts JamesSuckling.com, 91+ pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 91 pts 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.

