

2019 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP SAUVIGNON BLANC



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.8 g/L | pH: 3.22

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. During spring there was quite a strong wind event around the time of flowering, which upset some of the growth, especially in Shiraz. A heat wave hit in summertime but most varieties managed to escape unscathed. Yields were down on most varieties. The quality, however, was excellent, exhibiting true varietal characteristics.

TASTING NOTES: There's loads of cut grass and fresh snow pea on the nose, with underlying aromas of lemon curd and ginger. The palate has a nice softness to it, with refreshing lemongrass, grapefruit and just-ripe stone fruit flavors. The wine finishes tangy and spicy, with a pleasing amount of bitterness.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated. 2018 vintage: 91 pts Wine Spectator

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.

